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SAMUEL ANDREW LESLIE SR

SAMUEL ANDREW (SAM) LESLIE WAS BORN IN MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI JULY 26, 1905 AND WAS THE OLDEST CHILD OF DARLING BODDEN LESLIE AND MARY ANNA HAMILTON. HE ATTENDED SCHOOL IN MOSS POINT AND GRADUATED FROM SEASHORE CAMPGROUND, A METHODIST BOARDING SCHOOL IN BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI.

HE STARTED PLAYING BASEBALL AT AN EARLY AGE WITH SOME OF THE LOCAL TEAMS IN MOSS POINT. AT FIRST HIS FATHER WOULD NOT LET HIM PLAY ON SUNDAY, SO HE HAD TO SNEAK OUT AND PLAY. THIS PROBLEM WAS FINALLY RESOLVED WHEN THE COACH TOLD HIS FATHER THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE BETTER PLAYERS IN THE AREA EVEN THOUGH HE WAS YOUNGER THAN MOST OF THEM.

IN 1925 HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE, ETTA KATHERINE BOSARGE, DAUGHTER OF DELMAS BOSARGE AND GEORGIA ELLEN MOODY, AT A DANCE IN PASCAGOULA. FOR TWO YEARS HE WOULD WALK FROM EAST MOSS POINT TO PASCAGOULA TO "COURT" HER. ON FEBRUARY 12, 1927 THEY WERE MARRIED AT OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH IN PASCAGOULA.

IN 1927, AFTER PLAYING SEVERAL YEARS OF SEMI-PRO BASEBALL AND NEWLY MARRIED, HE SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI BASEBALL CLUB OF THE COTTON STATES LEAGUE. BETWEEN 1927 AND 1931, HE ADVANCED ON TO MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, SELMA, ALABAMA, MEMPHIS, SAN ANTONIO, TOLEDO AND ON TO THE NEW YORK GIANTS NEAR THE END OF THE 1931 SEASON. DURING HIS TENURE IN THE MINOR LEAGUES HE HAD AN OVERALL BATTING AVERAGE OF .347, WITH THE HIGHEST BEING .409 AT SAN ANTONIO.

ON JANUARY 25, 1932 THEIR FIRST CHILD, SAMUEL JR, WAS BORN. THIS ADDED RESPONSIBILITY APPARENTLY MOTIVATED HIM. IN HIS FIRST FULL YEAR IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES HE SET A MAJOR LEAGUE RECORD OF 23 PINCH HITS, A RECORD THAT STOOD FOR OVER 35 YEARS.

BETWEEN 1932 AND 1938 HE PLAYED WITH THE GIANTS AND THE BROOKLYN DODGERS. DURING THIS TIME HE PLAYED IN THE 1936 AND 1937 WORLD SERIES AND BATTED .500. IN 1936 HE WAS THE ONLY NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER TO HIT FOR THE CYCLE, A SINGLE, DOUBLE, TRIPLE AND HOME RUN IN THE SAME GAME. DURING THIS PERIOD THEIR SECOND CHILD,A DAUGHTER, DOROTHY LOU, WAS BORN ON AUGUST 15, 1935.

HE RETIRED FROM BASEBALL AFTER THE 1938 SEASON DUE TO AN INJURY, WITH A MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGE OF .304. AFTER BASEBALL HE BECAME PART OWNER OF A SEAFOOD BUSINESS WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, PETE BOSARGE.

IN 1940 HE WENT TO WORK AT INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION IN PASCAGOULA, WHERE HE RETIRED AS A HULL FOREMAN IN 1970. DURING THIS PERIOD THEIR THIRD CHILD,CARL, WAS BORN DECEMBER 9, 1940.

HE WAS ELECTED INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME IN 1969. THE PLAQUE COMMERATING THIS HONOR IS ON DISPLAY IN THE MISSISSIPPI COLISEUM IN JACKSON. AFTER AN EVENTFUL LIFE, SAM DIED JANUARY 21, 1979 AND ETTA ON OCTOBER 10, 1979.

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Dear Don,

Would you believe I had in mind to write and give you the status of my research--when I got your letter. Thank you for keeping my quest in mind. No, I did not receive an application to join the Clan Leslie. I am still interested in it.

Originally I started my research to try to get in D.A.R. I got in D.A.R. through my Baskin-Patterson line:

Generations

(1) William Baskin, Sr. b. ca 1705 Ireland m. ca 1730 Mary Stuart; went to East Nottingham Twp., Chester Co, PA 1731; to Paxton Twp, Lancaster (now Dauphin) Co. 1737; to Augusta Co., VA 1740; to Abbeville Co., SC 1765; no record of death of William or Mary.

(2) Daughter Margaret Baskin b. ca 1735 m. John Patterson b. 1730 Ireland d. 1808 Elbert Co., GA (John served in Revolutionary War from Virginia.)

(3) Son William Baskin Patterson b. 13 Dec 1777 Elbert Co., GA, d. 14 Jan 1854 Tippah Co., MS m. Jane (Jennet) Henderson on 7 Jun 1803 b. 10 Aug 1783 d. 10 Oct 1854 Tippah Co., MS

(4) Daughter Jane (Jennet) Patterson b. 16 Nov 1816 d. 9 Nov 1872 (Tippah Co) m. on 17 Dec 1839 Nathaniel McDill Lesley b. 12 Jan 1812 Abbeville Co, SC d. 6 Sep 1870 Tippah Co. MS (They were married in Anderson Co., SC.)

(5) Son Thomas Jasper Lesley b. 19 Oct 1849 d. 4 Mar 1923, Union Co., MS m. on 12 Nov 1874 in Lafayette Co., MS H. Virginia Spence b. 1 Oct 1849 d. 2 Jul 1899

(6) Son Thomas Jasper Lesley, Jr. b. 9 Nov 1885 d. 5 Feb 1956 in Union County, MS m. Mar 1917 Ida Nannie Caldwell b. 26 Jul 1890 d. 24 Jan 1954 in Union County, MS.

(7) Daughter Virginia Irene Lesley b. 6 Dec 1917 in Union Co., MS m. on 17 Dec 1938 John Boyce Hogue b. 4 Nov 1914 Union Co., MS

So I no longer have the urgency to do the research for D.A.R. purposes--I just want to resolve my Lesley ancestry for my own satisfaction. I don't want to let something get the best of me. It's left up to me to get the answer--no one else seems to care. I regret I did not start researching while some relatives were alive who might have had the answers.

All I really had to go on was that my Dad always told me we were descendants of William Lesley of Abbeville. I am related to the Spence family on both sides--my Grandmother Lesley was a Spence and my great grandmother on the Caldwell side was a Spence.

I asked my Grandmother Caldwell once if these Spences were related. She said "I don't know why you are worried about that--one of the Lesleys way back there married a Caldwell."

The two brothers, John and Thomas, came to SC in the 1760's along with their families under the Township Fund, a Fund established for the indigent poor to establish themselves in the New World. All these Lesleys were apparently not too poor, since they paid their passage from the homeland to America. They received bounty payments on each person and land grants. Another brother James came on a different ship and had to work out his passage. John and Thomas was granted land in Boonesborough Township in 1765, which was the old 96th District, now part of Abbeville Co. Thomas, on the other hand was granted land on Branch Long Cane Creek. John and Thomas each had sons named William. John's son William was born in 1752, just 2 years off William Jr. birthdate of 1754. (Papers for ship passage may have been filled out 2 years before they actually sailed.) It is thought John and Mary are our ancestors. John died 28 Oct 1771 in Abbeville Co. Possibly his son, William Jr., was called Jr. by reason of having an Uncle William, and not necessarily father and son, Sr. & Jr. (From SC Immigrants 1760-1770)

or mistaken order of birth of children

There are five brothers who are said to have come to SC from Ireland, namely, James, John, Thomas, William, and Samuel. The above record accounts for John, Thomas, and James who received land grants. It is possible that William and Samuel came over prior to 1760 and did not apply for the bounty and land grants provided for in 1761. I have not researched it but William and Samuel may have come via PA and VA as did my Baskin-Patterson ancestors.

If my line is John and Mary, then William Jr. and Anna Caldwell, the riddle is which son is next in line. It would be John Harris or Robert Hall. I do not believe it was Robert Hall--his will shows heirs as follows: Joseph L. Lesly, Samuel Lesly, William A. Lesly, Jane A. Fraser, Thomas Lesly, and John W. Lesly. Administrator of will was John Watt Lesly.

Nathaniel McDill Lesley was born in 1812, so he could have been a son of the oldest son, John Harris. I cannot "officially" connect to him either. From William's will, it makes me wonder if John Harris was a reprobate--what did he do that displeased William so much? He was left a Catechism referring to Questions 80 & 86.
Q.80. What is required in the tenth commandment?
A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his. (In other words, don't covet what is your neighbors.)
Q.86. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?
A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

To pay the preacher $100.00 in that day and time was a sizeable amount of money. I question did John Harris have an affair with a neighbor's daughter and maybe a child out of wedlock. John Harris Lesley b. 11 Feb 1784 m. Mary Gilleland in 1802.

The 1820 SC census in Abbeville shows three entries together, indicating they were close neighbors: William Lesley, John Harris Lesley, and Nathaniel McDill. The census shows under Nathaniel McDill two males under 16. I question that one of these males was Nathaniel McDill Lesley and possibly the other his brother John (who came to MS with Nathaniel). Nathaniel McDill later moved to Kershaw County where he left a will leaving everything to his wife Meary and six unnamed daughters. Apparently, he did not have sons. I thought one of the daughters could have been the mother and Nathaniel named for his maternal grandfather.
If I have this sized up wrong, I owe Lesleys and McDills an apology.

I have been in touch with McDills and they can't shed any light on my query. I have learned that Dr. and Mrs. Robert McDill Woods have published a book "McDills in America", but I have not seen it.
I did learn that: may have been sister to our other Leslieys.
John McDill m. Janet Leslie in Ireland and they came to SC.
Their children: Margaret "Peggy", Thomas Hemphill, Hugh, Nathaniel and possibly others. The son of Thomas Hemphill was the Rev. Thomas Haldane McDill, A.R.P. minister at New Albany, MS 1917-1924, who married my parents. I knew we were related to McDills but don't know how.

Of the Lesleys who came to MS, 1850 census lists:

Tippah County
N. M. Lesley and wife Jane & 5 children: William Bascom, Amanda, Ester R., Frances E., and Thomas J. (my grandfather) (William Bascom was killed in Civil War)
John Lesley (who my Dad called "Uncle John" and I know all of his family) His son is named John McDill Lesley. None of them know anything about the ancestry.
William Andrew Lesley (Probably a son of Robert Hall)
A.V.B. Lesley (Can't tie to the family--may be a nephew)

(Note: William A. Lesley m. Virginia White in Abbeville ca 1840.
William A. Lesley m. Rebecca Norris 22 Dec 1858 in Tippah Co.

Itawamba County
Samuel A. Lesley, Mary Lesley & children
(Youngest child named Watt Lesley, so must have been son of Robert Hall)

Pontotoc County
Samuel Lesley — He had to have been a relative of the Tippah Co. people. Tippah and Pontotoc were divided to form Union Co. where I grew up.
Carroll County
George E. Lesley, Martha & children

Of all the Leslieys who came to MS, Uncle John's family are the only ones I ever knew.

Note: On 4 Apr 1856, Hannah Lesley, Sarah L. McBride (wife of Daniel), Ollie Caroline Lesley and Edeth T. Lesley gave power of attorney to Samuel Proper of Tishomingo County, MS to get the land of William Lesley, deceased. (All of these are kinsmen somehow)

About John Harris Lesley b. 11 Feb 1784 m. Mary Gilleland in 1802. They had a number of children. About the year 1832 John H. moved to Indiana with a party of Abolitionists and about 15 years later he moved to Talladega, AL where he died 31 Jul 1855. John Harris was in partnership with William Panton, John Leslie, a Mr. Forbes and several other Leslie's in a company to operate trading posts at St. Augustine, Pensacola, Mobile, and Savannah. These posts, of necessity, had to be seaport towns where the ships could bring merchandise into the country to be exchanged for furs of the natives. There was little money handled. Salt and trinkets were the important mode of exchange. The largest trading posts were operated by Panton, Leslie & Co. They were authorized traders and agents for the Creek country. Panton, Leslie and Forbes were conservative, peaceable men, peculiarly fitted for the parts they played in the affairs of the nation. Alexander Leslie lived in Talladega and his home was built as a fortification to be used when danger was evident. Certainly the Leslie's played a prominent part in framing the background of Talladega.
(This from "History of Talladega" that I got in Mobile Library)

John's sister, Ann Lesley Jack and her husband, Samuel Jack, also lived in Talladega and died there.

There is a Thomas Lesley in Coosa Co., AL (adjoining Talladega Co.) He may have been a brother. Could this be the doctor who they never heard from?

I have been unable to get a will on John Harris Lesley. This would be of no good anyway, as I'm sure he wouldn't mention illegitimate children. I have not found any land records in SC for Nathaniel McDill Lesley. He must have had money from somewhere to have bought the two blocks of land in Tippah County.

These ancestors established the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at Ebenezer near Cotton Plant, MS. Uncle John's family established the A.R.P Church at Bethany, near the Prentiss Co. line.

And so the search goes on. I'm sure I've bored you with my rambling. I do appreciate your letter and any help you may give.

I grew up with Edgar Stephens, Jr. in New Albany. Since I know my Nathaniel McDill Lesley & Jane (Jennet) Patterson were married in Anderson County, maybe the Generostee Church is something to go on... if he may have been christened there, it would show his parents.

If I could resolve this Lesley generation, it wouldn't be too hard to get my sheets ready to send to Odom. What format do they use?

I will research your Samuel Lesley from Pontotoc Co. and will let you hear what I find.

Again thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

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but not if Itawamba Co. Samuel is his son.

This Samuel is probably the son of Robert Hall & I think I have read that Jane Fraser settled in Pontotoc Co. also. but I will give this some search.

I didn't work on genealogy for about a year. I lost my only son in May of 1994. This was the worst thing I have ever had to cope with.

Are you retired? I met a LC Lesley boy at Bon Clarken the summer of 1938. I have wondered if you were the one.

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## Sam Leslie Regular Season Major League Statistics

| YEAR | TEAM-L | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1929 | New York-N | of | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | .000 | .000 |
| 1930 | New York-N | ph | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .500 | .500 | .500 |
| 1931 | New York-N | 1b | 53 | 53 | 11 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 5 | .302 | .315 | .547 |
| 1932 | New York-N | 1b | 77 | 75 | 5 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 15 | .293 | .329 | .387 |
| 1933 | New York-N | 1b | 40 | 137 | 21 | 44 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 27 | .321 | .380 | .518 |
| | Brooklyn-N | 1b | 96 | 364 | 41 | 104 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 46 | .286 | .340 | .379 |
| | Year Totals | | 136 | 501 | 62 | 148 | 23 | 7 | 8 | 73 | .295 | .351 | .417 |
| 1934 | Brooklyn-N | 1b | 146 | 546 | 75 | 181 | 29 | 6 | 9 | 102 | .332 | .409 | .456 |
| 1935 | Brooklyn-N | 1b | 142 | 520 | 72 | 160 | 30 | 7 | 5 | 93 | .308 | .379 | .421 |
| 1936 | New York-N | 1b | 117 | 417 | 49 | 123 | 19 | 5 | 6 | 54 | .295 | .335 | .408 |
| 1937 | New York-N | 1b | 72 | 191 | 25 | 59 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 30 | .309 | .380 | .414 |
| 1938 | New York-N | 1b | 76 | 154 | 12 | 39 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 16 | .253 | .307 | .331 |
| TOTAL | 10 years | 1b-of | 822 | 2450 | 311 | 749 | 123 | 28 | 36 | 389 | .304 | .366 | .421 |

## Sam Leslie World Series Statistics

| YEAR | TEAM-L | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1936 | New York-N | ph | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .667 | .667 | .667 |
| 1937 | New York-N | ph | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | .500 | .000 |
| TOTAL | 2 years | ph | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .500 | .600 | .500 |

Ethan Allen — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1930-1932

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 years | 1926–1938 | of | 1281 | 4418 | 623 | 1325 | 255 | 45 | 47 | 501 | .300 | .336 | .410 |

Ralph "Buzz" Boyle — Leslie's teammate in Brooklyn, 1933-1935

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 years | 1929–1935 | of | 366 | 1343 | 185 | 389 | 58 | 24 | 12 | 125 | .290 | .347 | .395 |

Hughie Critz — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1930-1933

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 years | 1924–1935 | 2b | 1478 | 5930 | 832 | 1591 | 195 | 95 | 38 | 531 | .268 | .303 | .352 |

Harry Danning — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1936–1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 years | 1933-1942 | c | 890 | 2971 | 363 | 847 | 162 | 26 | 57 | 397 | .285 | .330 | .415 |

George "Kiddo" Davis — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1933, 1936–1937

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 years | 1926-1938 | of | 575 | 1824 | 281 | 515 | 112 | 16 | 19 | 171 | .282 | .336 | .393 |

Travis Jackson — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1929-1933, 1936

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 years | 1922-1936 | ss-3b | 1656 | 6086 | 833 | 1768 | 291 | 86 | 135 | 929 | .291 | .337 | .433 |

Len Koenecke — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1932, & in Brooklyn, 1934-1935

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 years | 1932-1935 | of | 265 | 922 | 155 | 274 | 49 | 9 | 22 | 114 | .297 | .383 | .441 |

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Hank Leiber — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1933, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 years | 1933-1942 | of | 813 | 2805 | 410 | 808 | 137 | 24 | 101 | 518 | .288 | .356 | .462 |

Gus Mancuso — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1933, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 years | 1928-1945 | c | 1460 | 4505 | 386 | 1194 | 197 | 16 | 53 | 543 | .265 | .328 | .351 |

Johnny McCarthy — Leslie's teammate in Brooklyn, 1934-1935, & in New York, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 years | 1934-1948 | 1b | 542 | 1557 | 182 | 432 | 72 | 16 | 25 | 209 | .277 | .319 | .392 |

Joe "Jo-Jo" Moore — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1930-1933, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 years | 1930-1941 | of | 1335 | 5427 | 809 | 1615 | 258 | 53 | 79 | 513 | .298 | .344 | .408 |

Mel Ott — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1929-1933, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 years | 1926-1947 | of-3b | 2730 | 9456 | 1859 | 2876 | 488 | 72 | 511 | 1860 | .304 | .414 | .533 |

Jimmie Ripple — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 years | 1936-1943 | of | 554 | 1809 | 241 | 510 | 92 | 14 | 28 | 251 | .282 | .343 | .395 |

Johnny Vergez — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1931-1933

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 years | 1931-1936 | 3b | 672 | 2323 | 258 | 593 | 114 | 16 | 52 | 292 | .255 | .311 | .385 |

Whitey Whitehead — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1936-1937

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 years | 1933-1946 | 2b-3b | 924 | 3316 | 415 | 883 | 100 | 31 | 17 | 245 | .266 | .304 | .331 |

Hack Wilson — Leslie's teammate in Brooklyn, 1933-1934

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 years | 1923-1934 | of | 1348 | 4760 | 884 | 1461 | 266 | 67 | 244 | 1062 | .307 | .395 | .545 |

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Clyde "Slick" Castleman — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 years | 1934-1939 | 36 | 26 | 121 | 79 | 25 | 4 | 1 | 588 | 644 | 223 | 225 | 4.24 |

Freddie Fitzsimmons — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1929-1933, 1936-1937

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 years | 1925-1943 | 217 | 146 | 513 | 426 | 186 | 30 | 13 | 3225 | 3335 | 846 | 870 | 3.51 |

Carl Hubbell — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1929-1933, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 years | 1928-1943 | 253 | 154 | 535 | 431 | 260 | 36 | 33 | 3591 | 3461 | 725 | 1677 | 2.98 |

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Adolfo Luque — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1932-1933

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 years | 1914-1935 | 194 | 179 | 550 | 365 | 206 | 26 | 28 | 3221 | 3231 | 916 | 1130 | 3.24 |

Van Mungo — Leslie's teammate in Brooklyn, 1933-1935

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 years | 1931-1945 | 120 | 115 | 364 | 259 | 123 | 20 | 16 | 2111 | 1957 | 868 | 1242 | 3.47 |

Hal Schumacher — Leslie's teammate in Brooklyn, 1931-1933, 1936-1938

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 years | 1931-1946 | 158 | 121 | 391 | 329 | 138 | 29 | 7 | 2483 | 2424 | 902 | 906 | 3.36 |

Al Smith — Leslie's teammate in New York, 1936-1937

| Career | Years | W | L | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 years | 1934-1945 | 99 | 101 | 356 | 202 | 75 | 16 | 17 | 1663 | 1707 | 587 | 587 | 3.72 |

John McGraw — Leslie's Manager in New York, 1929-1932

| As Manager | | G | W | L | PCT | Pennants | World Series Titles |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 33 years | 1899-1932 | 4801 | 2784 | 1959 | .587 | 10 | 3 |

As Player

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 years | 1891-1906 | 3b-ss | 1099 | 3924 | 1024 | 1309 | 121 | 70 | 13 | 462 | .334 | .460 | .410 |

Dave "Beauty" Bancroft — Coach in New York, 1930-1932

As Player

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 years | 1915-1930 | ss | 1913 | 7182 | 1048 | 2004 | 320 | 77 | 32 | 591 | .279 | .355 | .358 |

Frank Snyder — Coach in New York, 1936-1938

As Player

| Career | Years | POS | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | OBP | SLG |
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H - Hits
2B - Doubles
3B - Triples
HR - Home Runs
RBI - Runs Batted In

AVG - Batting Average
OBP - On-base Percentage
SLG - Slugging Percentage
W - Wins
L - Losses
GS - Games Started
CG - Complete Games
SHO - Shut-outs

SV - Saves
IP - Innings Pitched
BB - Bases on balls
SO - Strike-outs
ERA - Earned Run Average
PCT - Winning Percentage

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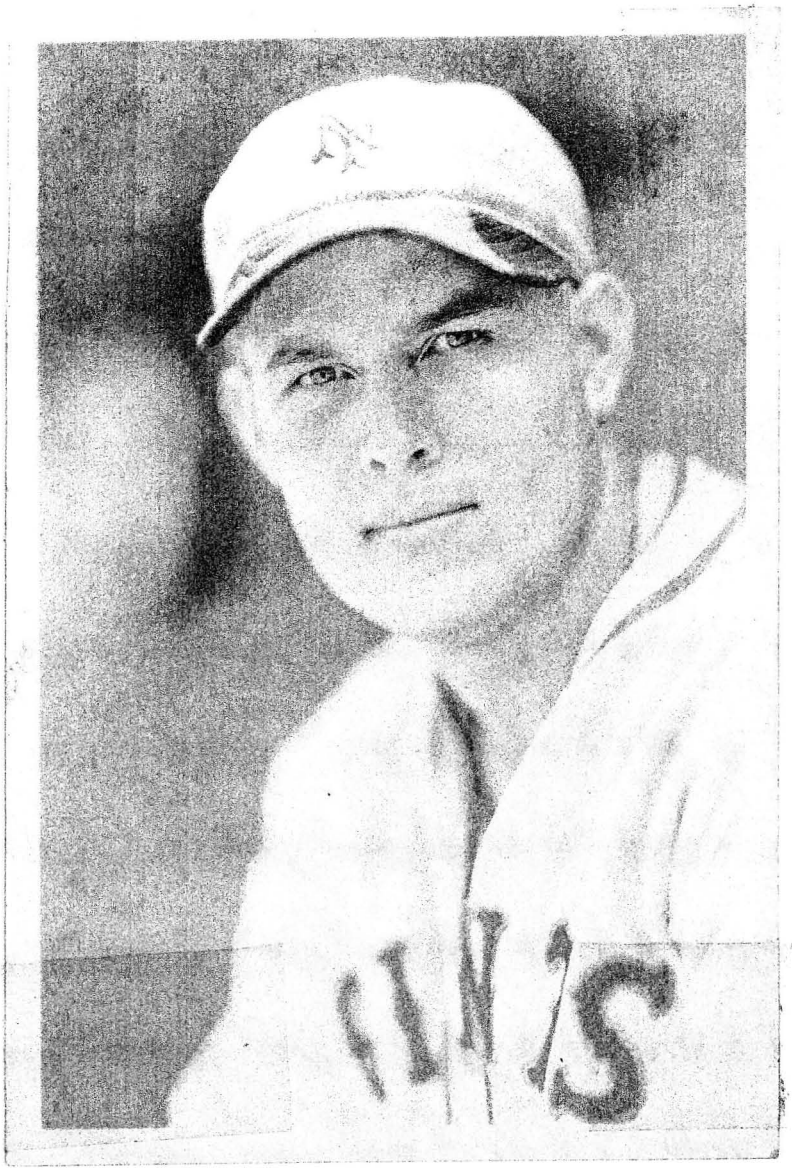

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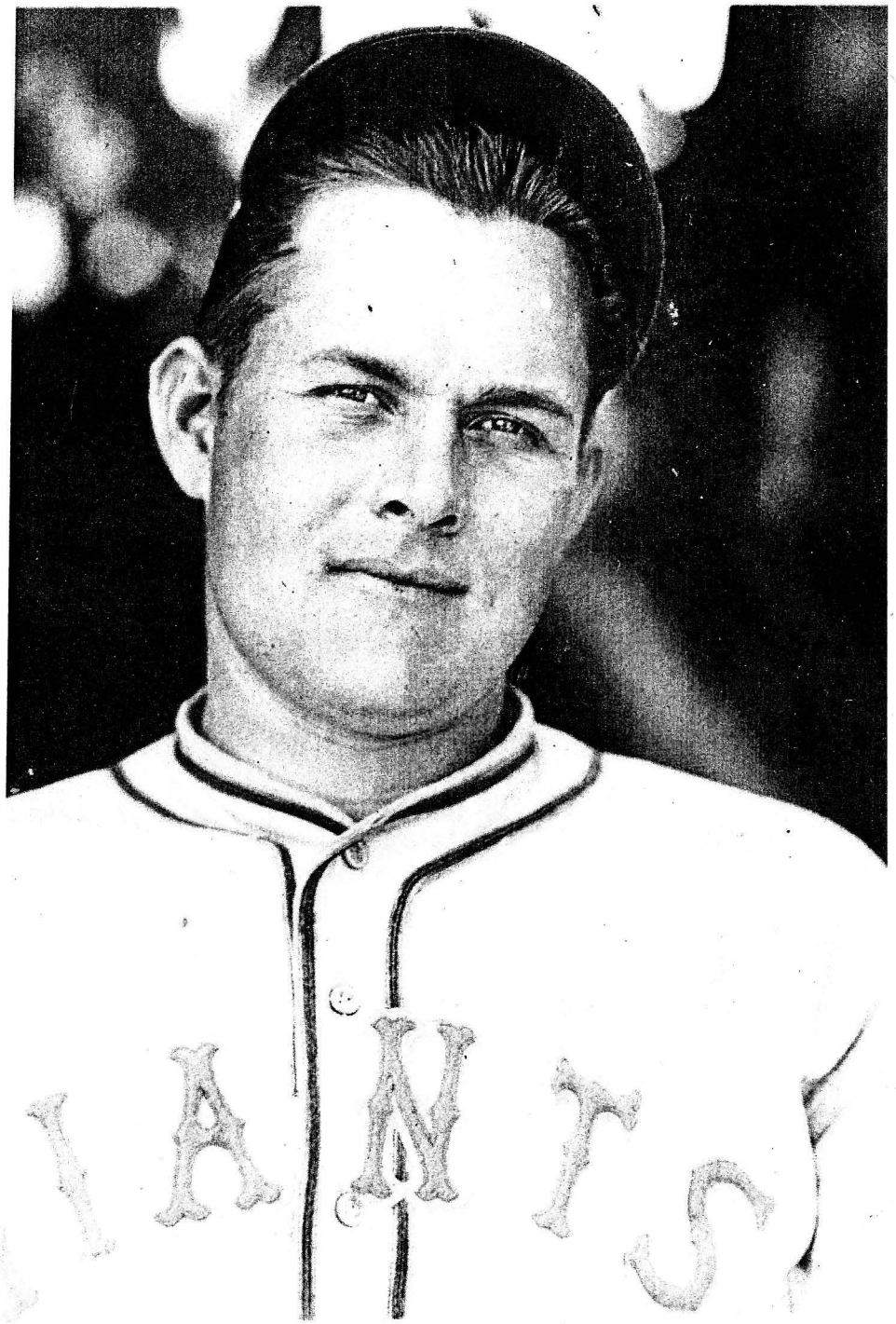

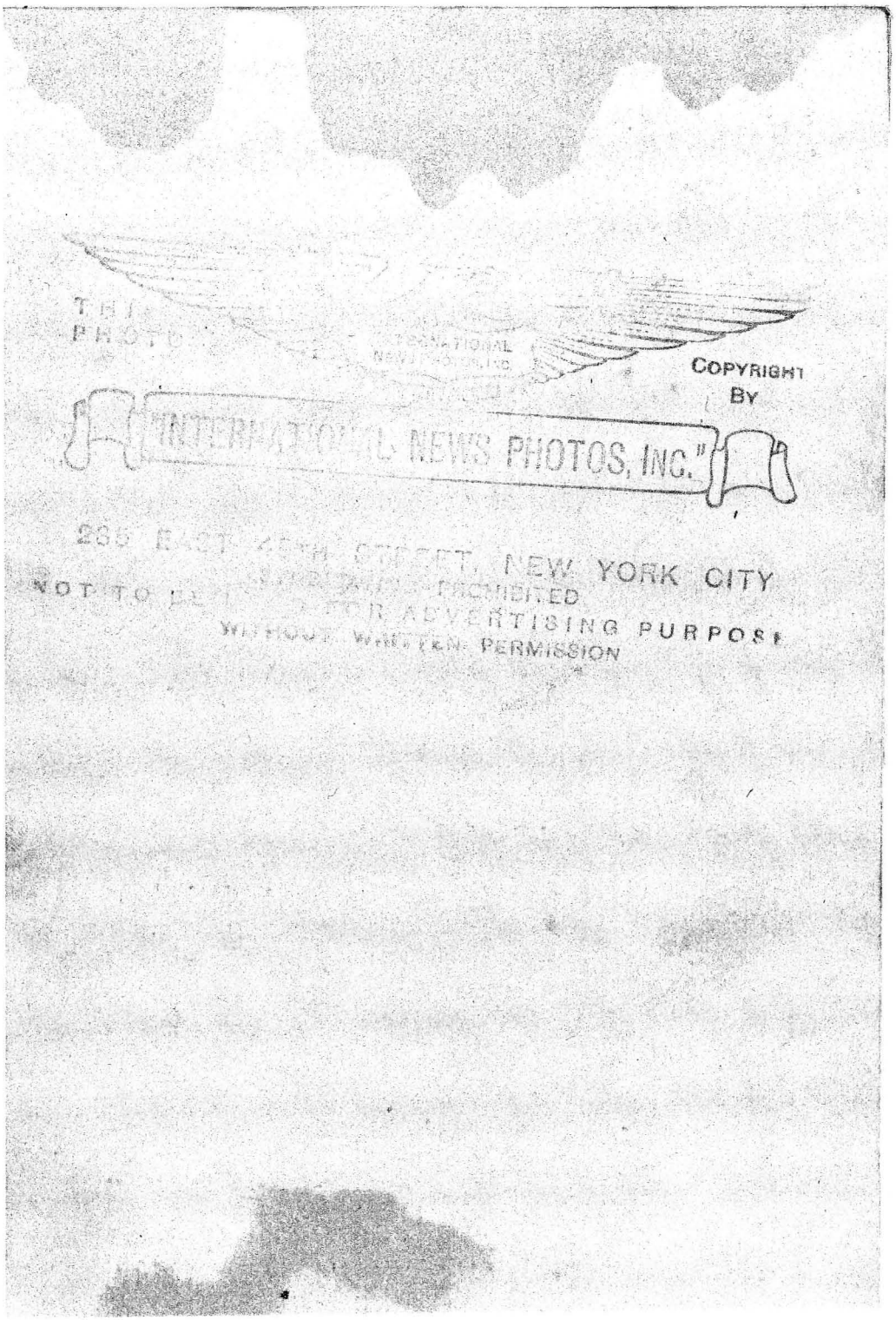
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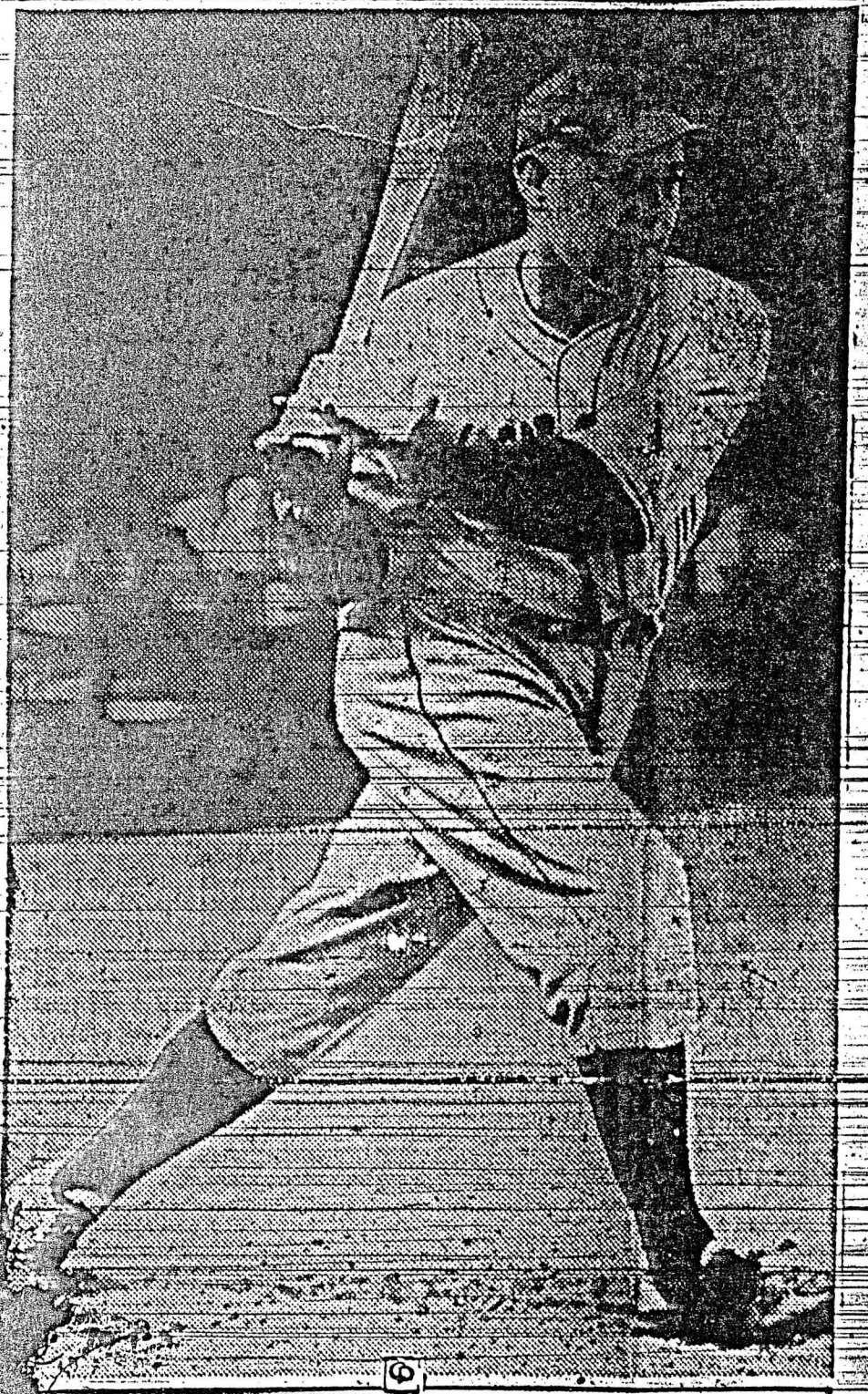
# LOCAL BOY ONE OF LEADING BATTERS



SAM LESLIE

Although Sam Leslie, local boy, was forced out of the game last week for several days on account of illness, he is still among the leading batters of the big leagues. Sam is back at his post at first base with the Brooklyn Dodgers and is banging out safeties again. He has been in the "Big Six," a select company of leading batters, during most of the season.

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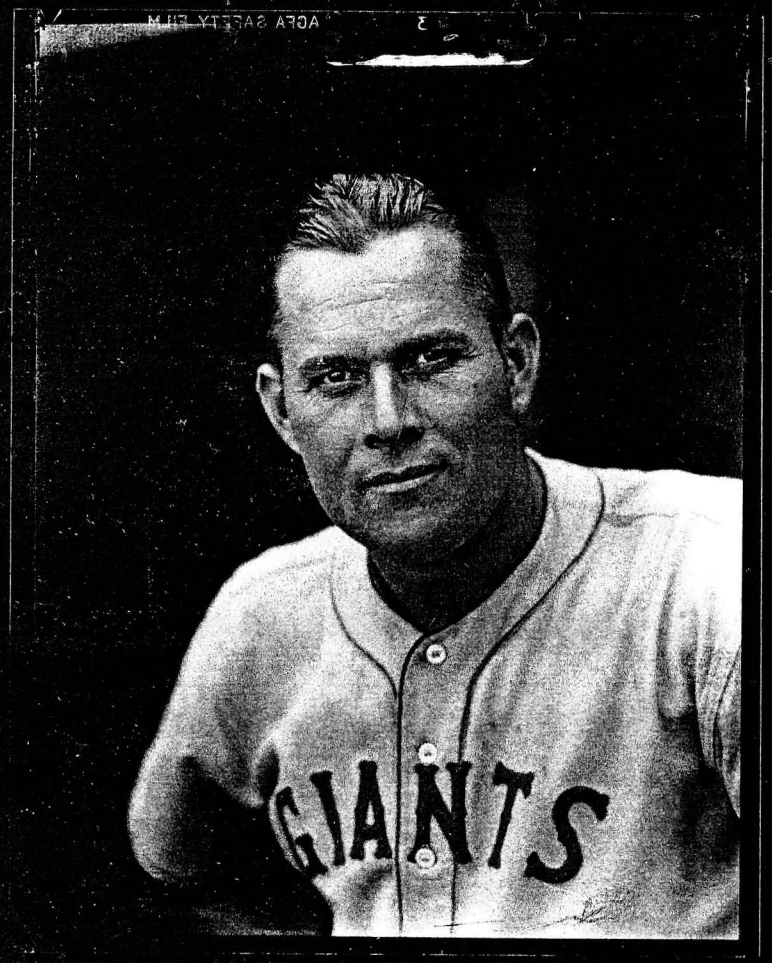


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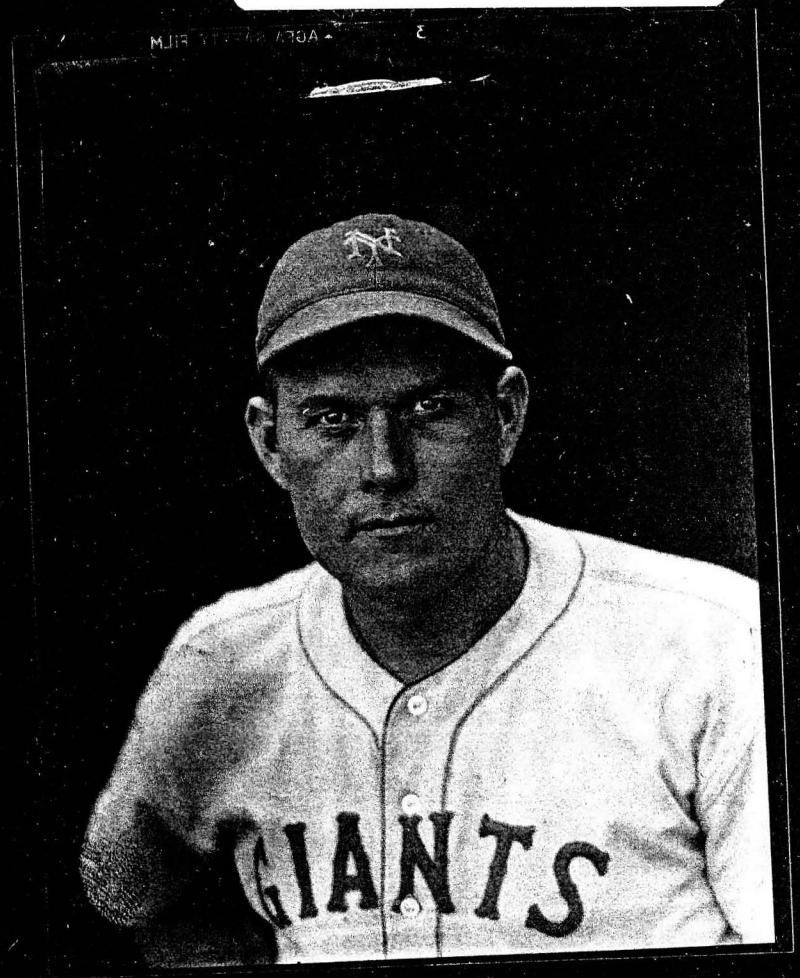

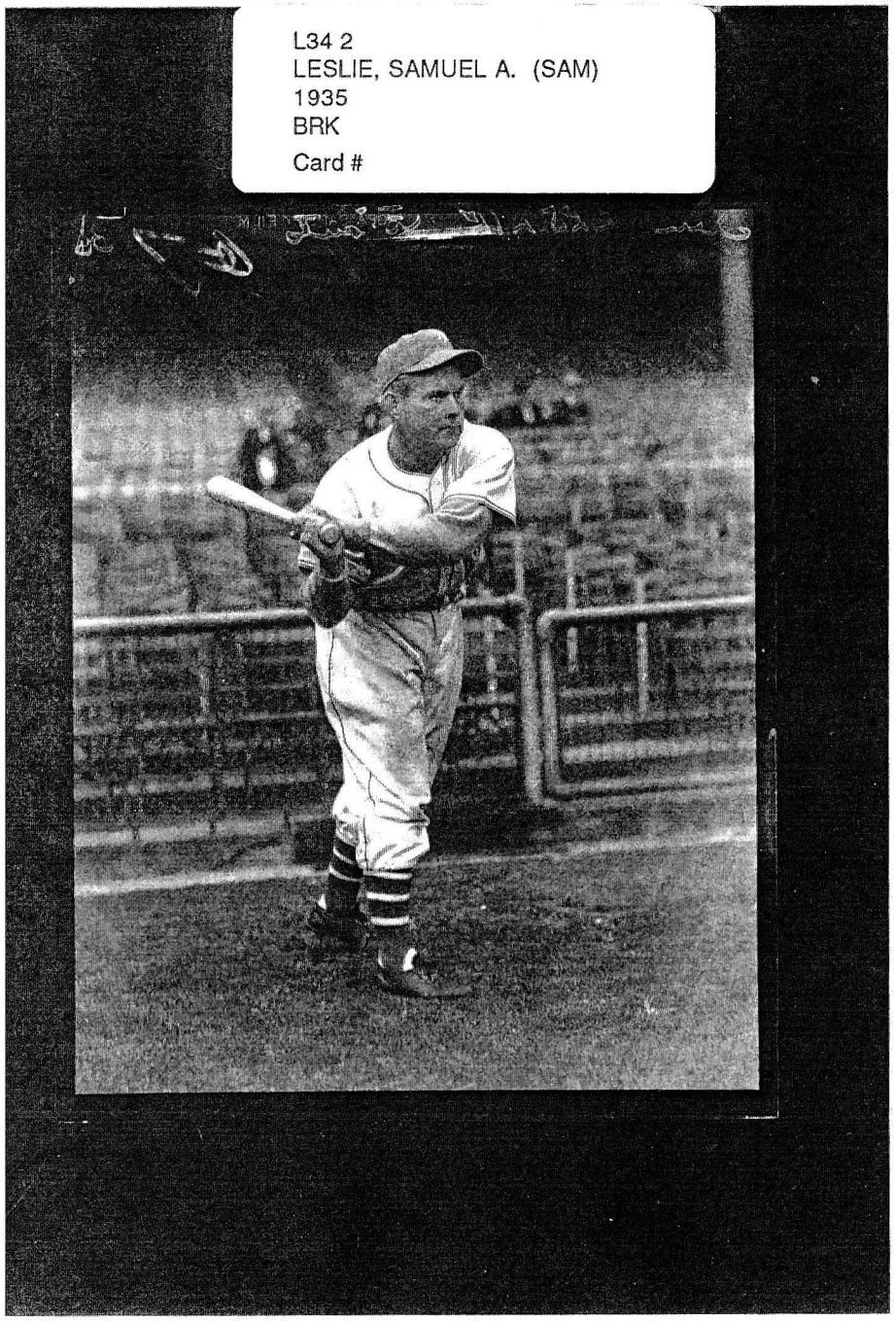
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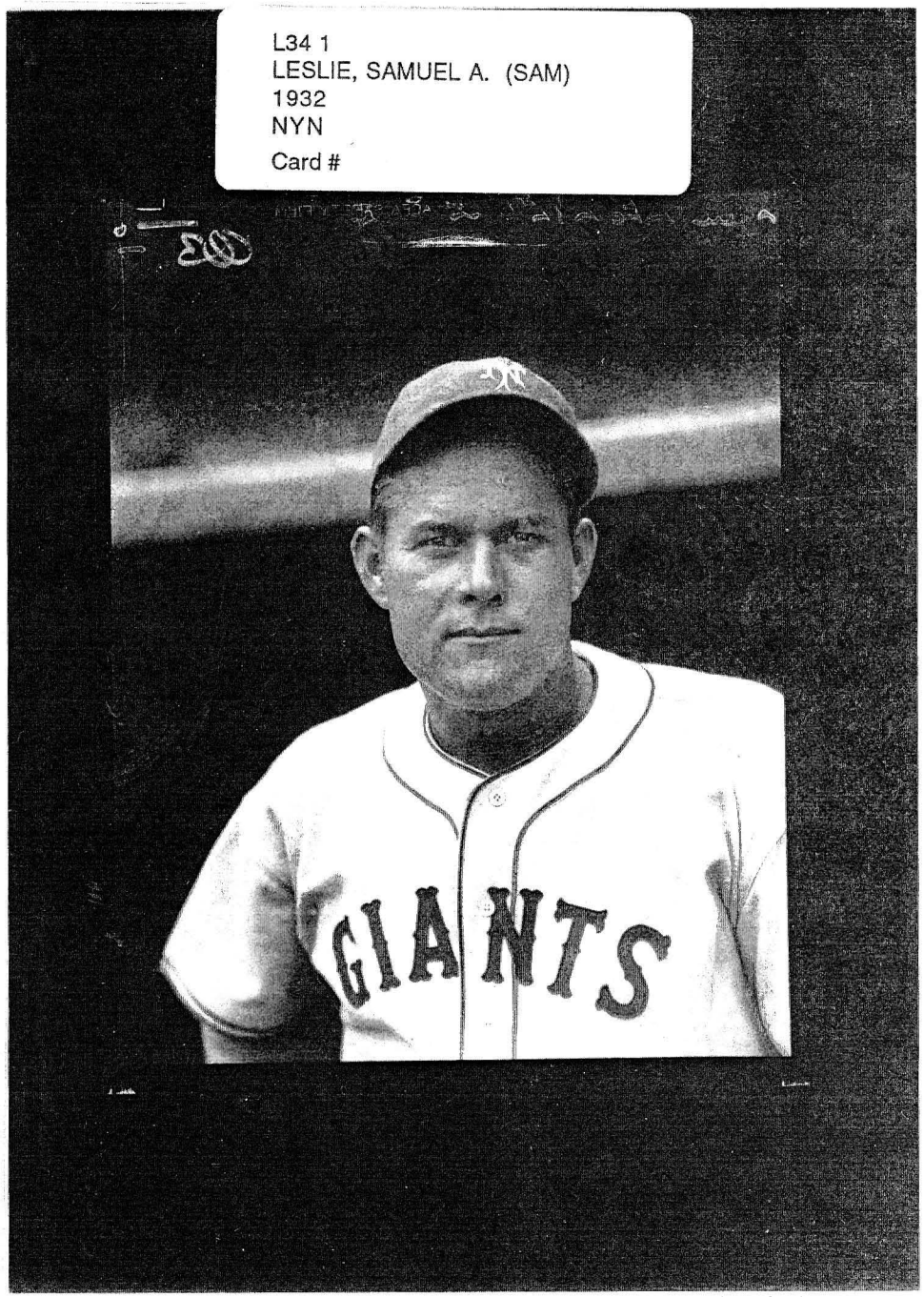
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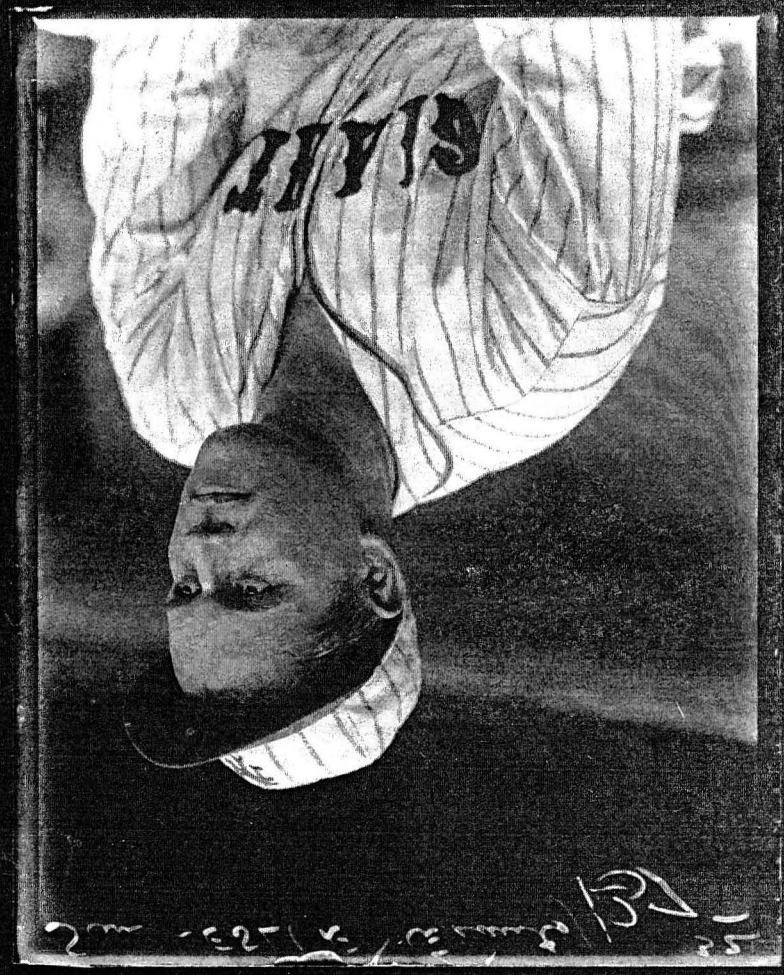

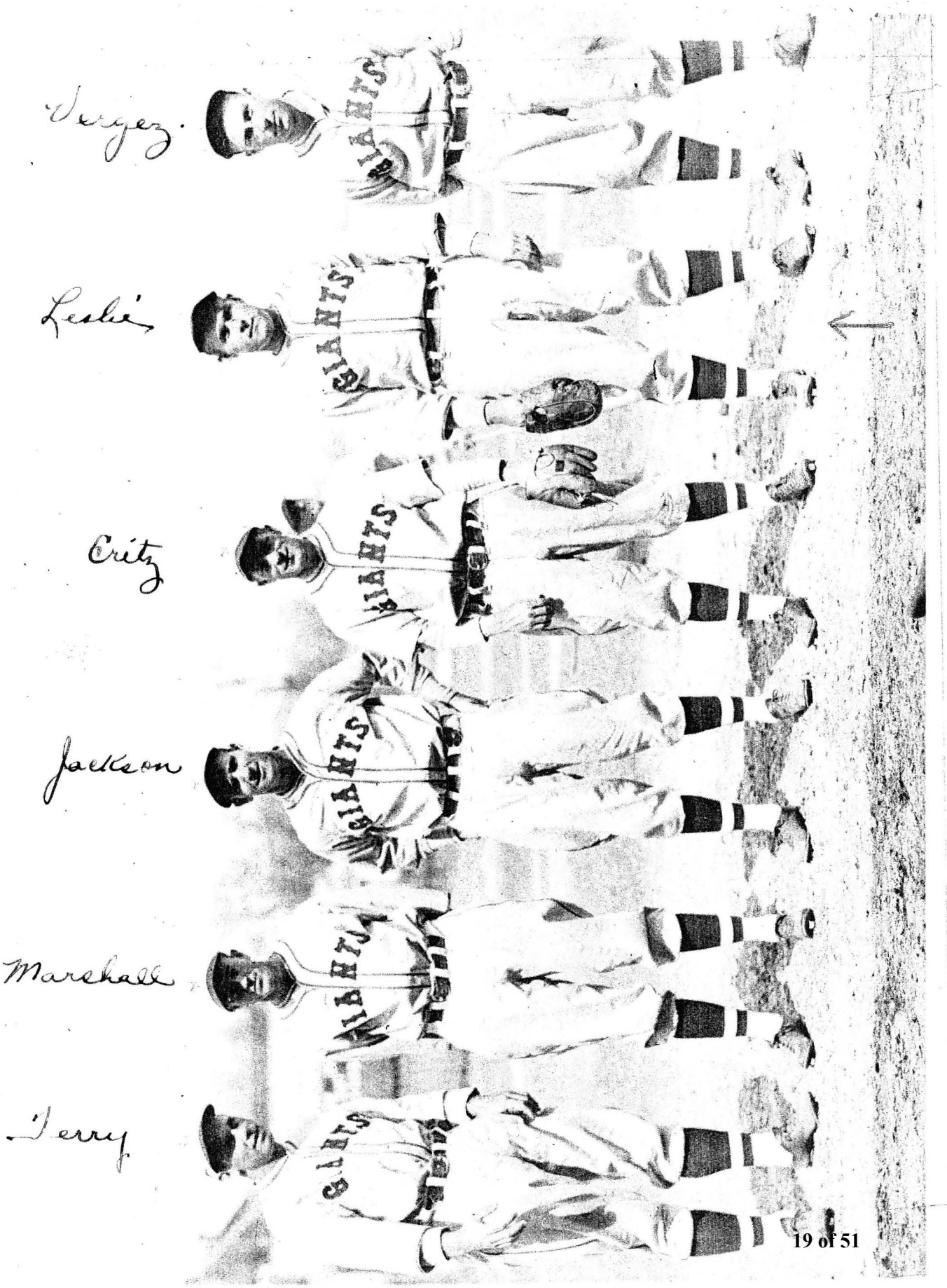
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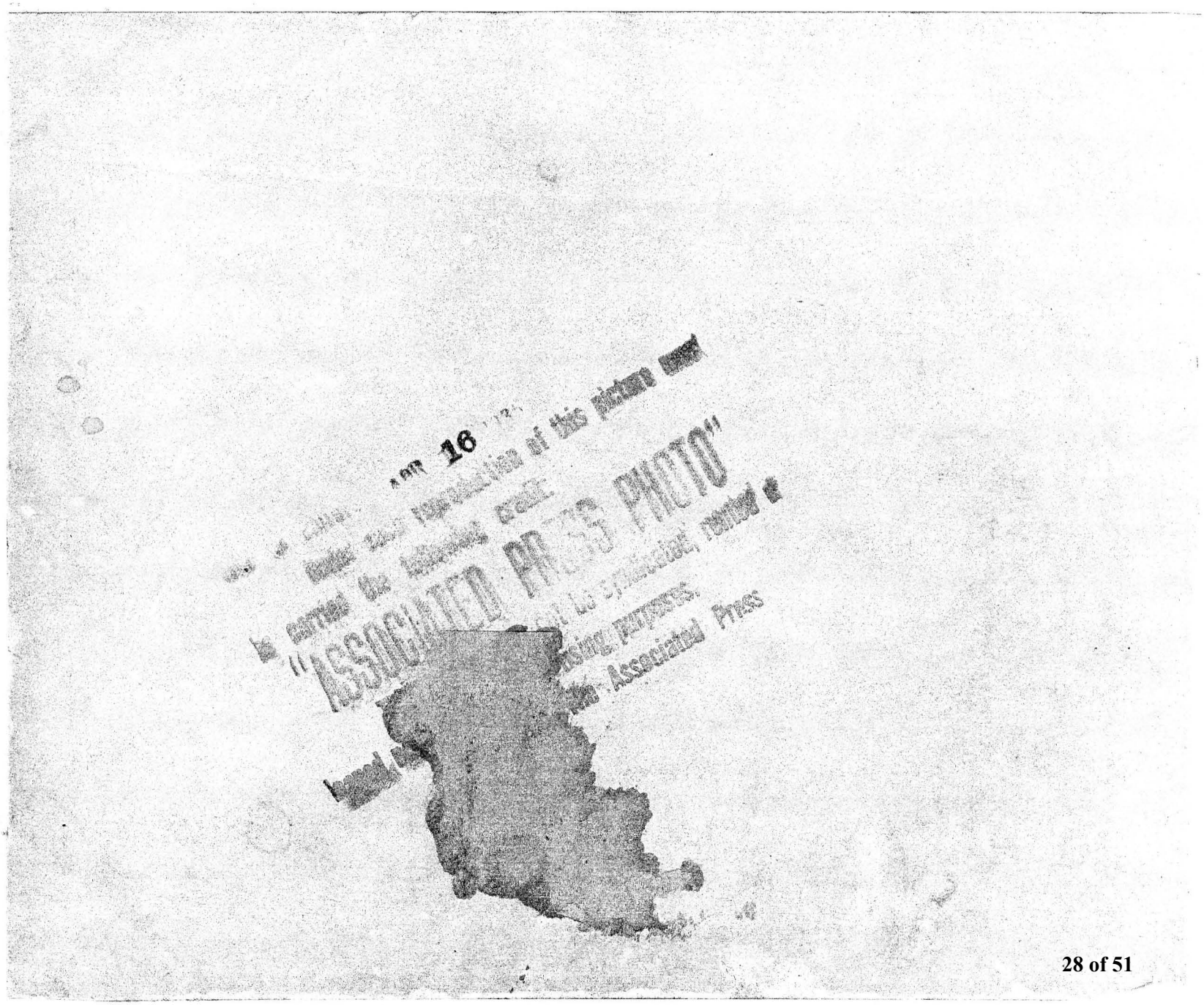

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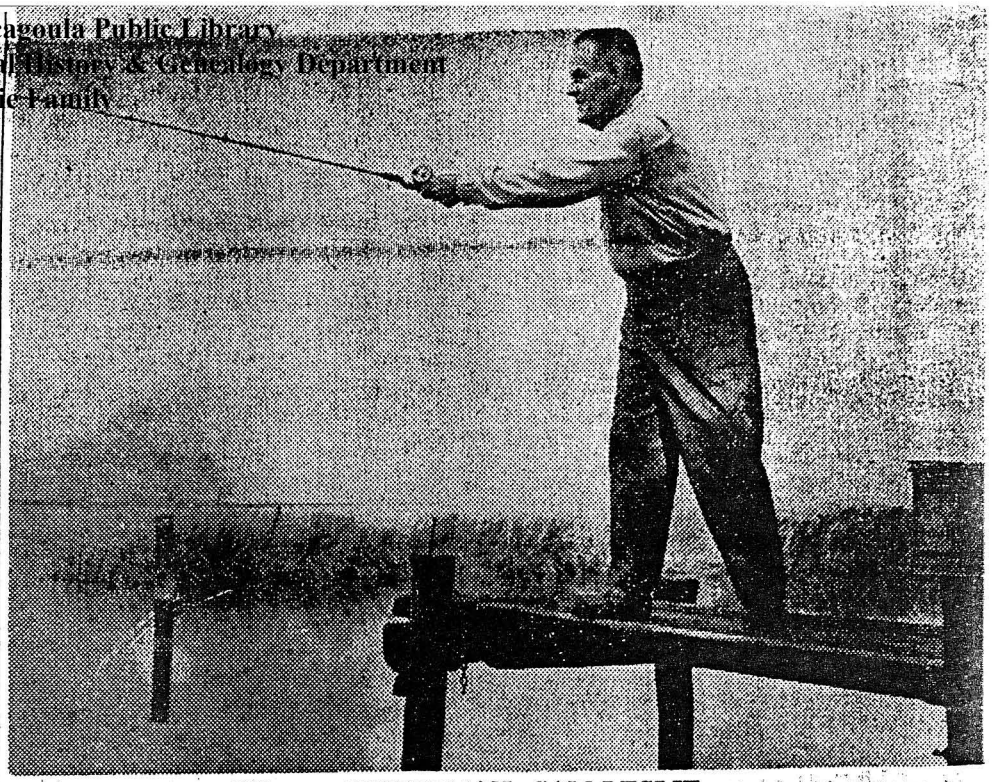

FISHERMAN SAM LESLIE
Enjoys The Pascagoula Outdoors

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# The Fish Are Biting These Days

Here's just part of a Sunday's catch of king mackerel at Pascagoula, and the folks who caught them. Left to right, Sam Leslie, first baseman for the New York Giants; Rube Woodward, Sam Leslie, Jr., Joe Leatherberry, Sr., Winston Nolan and Joe Leatherberry, Jr.

Mackerel are more plentiful in Pascagoula Bay than in many years, according to Elmer Gautier, owner of the fishing boat Flapper.

Thousands of pounds of this choice fish are being caught each Sunday by local citizens who enjoy this sport, and these are mostly given to friends on the return from the fishing grounds.

Nice catches of red fish and speckled trout are also reported in the river and on the bridges across Pascagoula River.

# LESLIE LEAVES TO JOIN GIANTS

**Moss Point Boy Leads Texas League Last Year With Batting Average of .409.**

Feb 27, 1931 — Pascagoula Chronicle

Sam Leslie, popular first baseman of the New York Giants, and son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Leslie of Moss Point, Miss., left Moss Point and Pascagoula for training camp at San Antonio, Texas, Saturday, February 21, where he is to train with the New York Giants. Leslie batted around .409 last season and we are looking for him to do some good work again this year. He has been here all winter.

He will later be joined in New York by his wife, Mrs. S. A. Leslie, who is now on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Delmas Bosarge in Pascagoula. Mrs. Leslie, before her marriage was Miss Etta Bosarge.

Last season Sam started the season off with Toledo, Ohio and stayed with that club for two months. New York recalled him and he was there with the Giants two months, when he was sent to San Antonio, Texas, where he finished the season, with an average of .409, leading the Texas League in batting.

March 20, 1931

# LESLIE SETS PACE FOR N. Y. GIANTS

**Moss Point Boy Slugs Ball Hard In Absence of Bill Terry, Giant First Baseman.**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 18—Even with Bill Terry safely in the training camp, John McGraw is going to have lots of trouble keeping Sam Leslie out of the New York Giant's lineup.

Sam has been the Giant's first baseman in Terry's absence and has rapped out three doubles three singles and a triple for a .500 batting average so far.

Sam is a Moss Point boy and local fans are eagerly watching his progress in the big time.

Leslie started his baseball career with McComb, an independent team in South Mississippi. He was then secured by Nashville of the Southern Association who later sent him to Jackson of the Cotton States League. He spent part of the year with the Senators who turned him over to Meridian of the same circuit in a deal which brought Edward Durham, now with the Boston Red Sox, to the Solons.

Meridian sent Leslie to Memphis of the Southern Association and Chicks farmed him out to Selma, Ala., of the Southeastern League. At the end of the season, Selma returned him to Memphis and he finished the year with them. The Chicks sold him to the New York Giants at the end of the season.

But with very little chance of replacing Bill Terry in the Giant lineup, Manager McGraw farmed him to Toledo, Ohio, of the American Association, but recalled him in mid-season. The Giants shipped him to San Antonio, Texas, where he finished the 1930 season.

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Mississippi Press January 23, 1979

game I've ever been in."

Alabama won it at the free throw line, hitting 31 of 37 as Florida was charged with 29 fouls. The Gators had eight more field goals, but hit only 4 of 8 free throws.

Ray White tallied 25 points, Rickey Brown 23 and Grim 21 as Mississippi State survived an Auburn rally from a 13-point deficit in the final 12 minutes. Bubba Price had 19 and Rich Valavicius 18 for the Tigers.

White went the full 40 minutes despite a foot injury that kept him from pregame warmups until just five minutes before game time.

Coach Jim Hatfield called White "the most outstanding athlete I've seen in some time. He played tonight with a lot of courage. He was hurt. He could hardly walk this morning."

"We thought we could win, but we just ran out of time," said Auburn Coach Sonny Smith. "I was real proud of our team. I thought they played well."

Fred Cowan scored 20 points and LaVon Williams added 18 as Kentucky beat Georgia in its first game since 6-foot-10 center Chuck Aleksinas quit the team following a loss to Tennessee Saturday. LaVon Mercer had 20 points, despite missing much of the second half with four fouls, and Walter Daniels added 16 for Georgia.

"This was a very emotional game and made so by Aleksinas' departure," said Coach Hugh Durham of Georgia. "They were fired up, the fans were fired up, and that's exactly what I expected.

"Errors hurt us, but give Kentucky credit, they forced most of our mistakes," Durham added.

"It was a big win for us," said Kentucky's Dwight Anderson, who scored 14 points. "We were at rock bottom with nowhere to go but up. Our confidence was shot, and we needed this before a big crowd to get us back on track."

The conference race continues Wednesday night when Vanderbilt visits Florida, Georgia goes to Ole Miss and LSU entertains Tennessee.

Kentucky visits Auburn Thursday night before all 10 teams return to action Saturday with Alabama at Mississippi State, Auburn at Vandy, Florida at Kentucky, LSU at Georgia and Ole Miss at Tennessee.

But the halftime shows, like Sunday's "Carribean Carnival," take time. And time, among other things, allows the networks room to fit in commercials at $370,000 per minute.

"I guess it was something that couldn't be helped," said Noll.

It was as much a part of the game by the Cowboys to annex the gleaming championship trophy for the third time in their history.

That sent the NFL people to preparation for next year's extravaganza at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. And it sent the rest of the teams back to the drawing board to formulate plans for challenging the Steelers' crown.

# Macklin to test injured foot

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Board crashing forward Durand Macklin will probably decide by the middle of next week whether to write off this season or return to action with 9th-ranked Louisiana State University, Coach Dale Brown said.

Macklin —sidelined with a broken foot since the second week of the season—is eligible to become a hardship red shirt, if that's the course he chooses to take, Brown said. That would mean that Macklin, a junior, would still have two years of eligibility left if he decided to sit out the rest of the basketball season.

"I've already checked it, and he qualifies for the red shirt rule," Brown said. "He only played in two games, and if I remember correctly, the rule says less than 20 percent."

Brown said that the most recent X-rays show that the stress fracture in Macklin's foot has completely healed.

"The doctors gave him their approval to start practicing and playing," Brown said late Monday night. "Dr. (Marty) Broussard, who's very conservative, gave his approval."

Macklin has been unable to practice since late in November, so his decision must be based on whether he feels he can round into shape and regain his timing soon enough to help his team in its stretch drive for the SEC championship.

The 20-year-old, 6-foot-9 forward is also considering the fact that nine members of this year's squad will be around for at least two more years.

# Sam Leslie:

## Played baseball with future Hall of Famers

By MIKE WIXON
Press Sports Editor

When Sam Leslie played major league baseball there was no television exposure, or luxurious jet travel or elaborate million dollar contracts.

Back in the 1930s salaries for a year wouldn't be pocket change for the Pete Roses of today.

Travel was by train. Can you imagine Reggie Jackson taking a sleeper coach to Chicago. Hardly.

But Leslie, who passed away Saturday at the age of 73, rubbed elbows with many of the games' immortals who helped make major league baseball the national pastime.

Leslie, a native of Moss Point, played seven years in two stints with the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers from 1932 to 1938.

After a minor league career which took him to Jackson, Meridian, Memphis and San Antonio, Leslie made it to the majors with the Giants in 1932.

He was traded to the Dodgers in 1933 then returned to the Giants in another trade in 1936 where he finished his career.

With the Giants Leslie was used primarily as a pinch-hitter, playing behind future Hall of Famer Bill Terry, a .341 lifetime hitter.

Leslie, a left-hander, was excellent coming off the bench in clutch situations when big hits were needed. He established a major league record for most pinch hits in a season (21). The record stood for 35 years.

Two of Leslie's teammates on the Giants were pitcher Carl Hubbell and outfielder Mel Ott. Hubbell won 253 games during his illustrious career. Ott was one of the game's most feared sluggers, compiling a .304 batting average and hitting 511 home runs.

*Sam Leslie*
During days with Giants

Both Ott and Hubbell have been enshrined in baseball's Hall of Fame.

While Leslie was with the Giants, they won consecutive National League pennants in 1936 and 1937 with records of 92-62 and 95-57.

The Giants, however, had the misfortune of playing the New York Yankees in the two World Series. The Yankees, led by Hall of Famers Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio, won 102 games in both '36 and '37 to capture two American League flags.

The Yankees won both World Series over the Giants, 4-2 in '36 and 4-1 in '37.

Leslie retired after the '38 season and returned to Pascagoula where he worked at Ingalls Shipbuilding. He retired from the yard as a hull foreman.

Leslie and his wife Etta Bosarge had three children; a daughter, Dorothy Leslie Perry (deceased); and two sons, Samuel "Sammy" Leslie Jr. and Carl D. Leslie.

"He was the type that once he got out of baseball he really didn't talk too much about it," Sam Jr. said about his father. "But he loved the game."

Eddie Khayat said Leslie was instrumental in helping get the Little League (now Dixie Youth) program in the Pas-Point area off the ground back around 1952.

"Sam always had an interest in kids and baseball," said Khayat, president of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

Khayat, who was head of public relations at the Pascagoula-Moss Point Bank in those days, said Leslie and Percy Larson got the help of bank president W. B. Herring and formed the first Little League team.

"About a 100 kids tried out for the team, but we could only select 15," recalled Khayat. "They played a team from Lucedale and a couple from Biloxi.

"After the first year, Sam and Percy got local merchants to come out and see the program. The merchants saw the good that could come out of the program and started supporting the league."

Funeral services for Leslie were held today.

# SAM LESLIE BACK HOME FOR WINTER

**Famous Brooklyn Dodgers' Batting Star Has Bill Terry as Guest For Fishing Trip.**

Sam Leslie, famous first baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, returned home Monday, accompanied by his wife and little son, for a winter's stay in Pascagoula and Moss Point with home folks. They are at home on Columbus Drive in Pascagoula.

Sam was one of the leading batters in the National League during most of the season, for a long time in the select "Big Six." Due to the serious illness of his little son, he mid-season [illegible]

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He finished with an average for the season of well over .300 and was again near the top of the National Leaguers.

Bill Terry, pilot of the New York Giants and a former team mate of Sam's, joined him this week for a fishing trip on the Coast.

Sam played a big part in the defeat of the Giants in their National League Championship race, but Bill and Sam are great friends off the diamond, as this get-together proves. OCT 12, 1934
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## GIANT FIRST BASEMAN GOES INTO TRAINING

Sam Leslie, first baseman of the New York Giants baseball team, left yesterday afternoon for Los Angeles, California, where he will go into training with the Giants until April, when he will report to New York for the 1932 season. Mrs. Leslie and Sam, Jr., a coming Giant, will remain at their home in Moss Point for a while before joining Sam in New York. Sam has built him a nice home in Moss Point, and has done some effective amateur farming. MPA Feb 26-1932

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PASCAGOULA (MISS.) CHRONICLE-STAR

## WE ALL KNOW SAM LESLIE IS FROM MOSS POINT

7-7-1933

The following is taken from Bill Keefe's column in the sporting page of Monday's Times-Picayune:

For some reason or other none of the big league statisticians seem to get the "home ports" right on many of our baseball players and time and again mistakes have been made. Fred Abbley of Biloxi, Miss., is the latest to call to our attention an error in the "starting-out" place of a ball player. Our information was that Sam Leslie of the Brooklyn Dodgers started his baseball career at McComb, Miss. Here is Mr. Abbley's letter correcting the report:

"Dear Mr. Keefe:

"I think you were slightly misinformed as to Sam Leslie's first appearance in semiprofessional baseball. As a matter of fact and from records of the Mobile Register sports news along in 1922-23, I was managing a semiprofessional team in Moss Point, Miss., and it was there under me that Sam played his first game in an enclosed park. In playing a game in Gulfport a friend of mine, Eustis McManus, an ex-Cotton States pitcher, saw Sam in action and boosted him to Bob Gilkes. A letter from Gilkes to McManus was forwarded to me, which I turned over to Leslie. Leslie then went to the Cotton States and then to Memphis. However, I will not say that Gilkes placed Leslie or he did not play with McComb. In fact I think he did—before going up. But I do know that Leslie is a native of the Gulf Coast, namely, Moss Point. So please give us credit for turning out what looks to be a coming star in baseball.

Later on I will give you some dope on how I brought the St. Louis Cardinals to Moss Point to play a game in an open lot, before I built the park.

"Friendly yours,
"FRED P. ABBLEY."

April 7, 1933

## Sam Leslie Wins Manager's Praise

Sam Leslie, baseball player of Moss Point and Pascagoula, and now with the New York Giants, gets into print now and then for his performance on the diamond. Sam married a Pascagoula girl, and has numerous friends in Pascagoula and Moss Point, who are proud of his success.

The following was clipped from the New Orleans Daily States of a recent date:

"Every time I see that fellow hit, I get the whim-whams and give thanks I'm managing this ball club," was the comment of Manager Bill Terry as he watched Sam Leslie, hard-hitting substitute first sacker, crash a couple against the fences in an exhibition game.

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PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1936.

# Pascagoula Has Largest Azalea on Gulf Coast Awaiting Sightseers

## Many Others In Lawns and Gardens of City of Equal Beauty. March 21 and 28 Fixed As Days When Gardens Will Be Open For Inspection.

Azaleas are in bloom—in fact, some of the earlier varieties have been in bloom for some time, and the latter ones have just began to show color, and in a few days, will be at their best. Many lawns and gardens of Pascagoula are ablaze with color and a vivid brightness not excelled by no other flower. It is said that the azalea flourishes in this section of the United States better than any other section, the soil and climate here being peculiarly adapted to their growth and perfection. Be that as it may, we know that some of the largest and finest specimens in the country are found along the Gulf Coast and in other sections of the country where soil and climate are similar to this.

The azalea plant blooms but once a year, in the early spring, but due to the exquisite beauty and delicacy of its blooms, the plant is highly prized as an ornament for lawn of garden, and it is something worth waiting a year to see. There are many beautiful azaleas in Pascagoula, of many shades and tints, and while we have no advertised "Azalea Trail," we have many here that are worth driving many miles to see—in fact, the best on the Mississippi Coast is the garden of Mrs. Fannie Bridge on Main street, and the show, almost, of the Jackson county court house.

Major Watts and several prominent citizens are flower lovers, and have beautiful lawns and gardens and many azalea plants that are beautiful as to cause one to stop and think of the legendary Spring from which our first parents were driven.

The largest azalea plant in the city is that of Mrs. Loughridge, but there are several others that are large enough to attract more than ordinary attention, as one in the yard of Mrs. C. Gentile on Lake avenue, which is next in size, and also one belonging to Mrs. M. K. Weiblen, on Tucker street, just off South Pascagoula street. Mrs. Oliver Cole has the largest number and the greatest variety, while next to her we would mention Frank Canty's collection and that of the mayor himself.

Other lawns and gardens which are spots of azalea brightness and beauty these spring days, are those of the following citizens: Mrs. Iver Johnson, Kimy Gentile, T. T. Justice, J. D. Clark, H. B. Everitt, Mrs. W. W. Woodman, Mrs. E. E. Krebs, Mrs. A. B. Brandum, Eugene Gautier, Jesse Higginbotham, Mrs. R. B. Sargent, G. E. Briggs, W. T. Spardman, Sr., James Ford, Mrs. J. P. Evans, Claude Delmas, Mrs. J. H. Larsen, Hermes Gautier, Harold Gautier, Mrs. A. G. Delmas, and others.

Henry avenue, in the Negro part of the city, has a number of very fine plants, and there are young plants growing all over town that in a few years will be notable.

Going a little out of town Mrs. W. C. Havens, on River Road, has one of the most attractive homes and gardens in this section, where a number of azaleas are giving out a wonderful display. At the Jackson County Hospital, whose grounds contain several beautiful azaleas, not to mention other attractive plants.

It has been suggested by the Mayor and others that next Sunday, March 22 and the following Sunday, March 28, be set aside as azalea days, and that our citizens visit these gardens, the owners of which will be pleased to receive them, and thus see what our own city has to offer in the way of beauty of lawn and garden.

# COSMOPOLITAN CLUB GETS BACK OF "LESLIE DAY"

## Clubs of Twin Cities Join In Plan To Honor Giant First Baseman.

The "Sam Leslie Day" was the main topic up at the Cosmopolitan Club of Pascagoula's meeting Wednesday night in the Community House. The committee of the club is to meet with the committees of the Pascagoula Rotary club, the Rotary club of Moss Point and the Young Men's Business club of Moss Point. The clubs have appointed the following committees: Cosmopolitan Club—E. H. Bacot, chairman; Dr. Thos. E. Stout, Claude DuPont and Joe Trehern; Y. M. B. C.—Alton Thomson and Tom Dantzler; Pascagoula Rotary club—Frank Canty and J. H. Colle; Moss Point Rotary club—T. L. DeLashmet, E. V. Sutnoff and A. J. Franklin. The committees are to meet tonight at a supper in the Oleander Cafe at which time plans will be completed for the day. The Giants and the Atlanta Crackers are to play in Gulfport March 27. The presentation of a testimonial of appreciation is to be made at this game, honoring Sam Leslie who has just recently been acquired from Brooklyn by the Giants.

A suitable gift will be given the husky first baseman of the Giants to show Sam the home folks recognize his prowess in the big time and to wish him well with the Giants.

It was agreed to extend the time for submission of the one-act plays by students of the city schools until April 3. A report of the dance committee was made and the members asked to help decorate the Community House after the meeting.

Two new members were introduced, Coach Tom R. Wells of the Pascagoula city schools and Edward Coker. Herman Richards and Frank Moore were voted in as new members and the secretary instructed to notify them of their election.

A four minute debate on "Resolved, That Hauptmann Should Be Electrocuted," with Otto Karl Wiesenburg on the affirmative and

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Miss Annie Kate Lock... visor of elementary sc... filled the place on the p... the superintendent of ... who could not attend, ... discussed the need of ... Library.

The need of the Coun... is so great that it wou... to enumerate all the ad... could afford.

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# ...S TO INITIATE ... COUNTY-WIDE ... MEETINGS OF ...

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are many beautiful azaleas
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, and while we have no ad-
"Azalea Trail," we have
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ies to see—in fact, the
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Watts and several promin-
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the largest azalea plant in
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in a few years will be notable.

Going out Delmas street, Mrs. W. C. Havens on River Road, has one of the most attractive homes and gardens in this section, where a number of azaleas are giving out

Jackson County Hospital, whose grounds contain several beautiful azaleas, not to mention other attractive plants.

It has been suggested by the Mayor and others that next Sunday, March 22 and the following Sunday, March 29, be set aside as azalea days, and that our citizens visit these gardens, the owners of which will be pleased to receive them, and thus see what our own city has to offer in the way of beauty of lawn and garden.

## TO INITIATE CLASS OF FIFTEEN

Will

## COUNTY-WIDE MEETINGS OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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### Degree Team to Have Charge of Initiation. Banquet Arranged After Ceremonies.

meeting of Pascagoula
1120 B. P. O. Elks, Thurs-
officers for 1936 were
The complete list will be
next week. At this meet-
applications for mem-
were acted upon and ten
ns for re-instatement.
iation of this big class is
to take place Thursday,
, with delegates from Bi-
Lodge No. 606, Mobile Lodge
Pensacola Lodge No. 597,
Lodge No. 878 and Hat-
Lodge No. 599 present. C.
of Birmingham, president
ma State Elks Association,
Estopinal of Gulfport
978, president of the Mis-
State Elks Association, and
Kennedy of Biloxi Lodge
ct Grand Exalted Ruler of
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been invited to the big
and have signified they
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loxi degree team will be
of Exalted Ruler Ernest
according to Secretary W.
er of the Pascagoula

Ruler C. P. Humphrey
charge of the big meeting.
business and the initiation
the local lodge has ar-
a banquet in honor of
guished visitors.

### M. C. WAINWRIGHT

Martha Clara Wainwright,
the late Sidney Wain-
ed at her home in this
Wednesday, March 18, after

There will be two county wide meetings of Home Demonstration Club women on Saturday, March 21, at the office of the county home demonstration agent, which are expected to draw a large attendance.

At ten o'clock in the morning a Rural Organization and Recreational Council is to be organized for community program planning, and the choral and dramatic contests to be fostered by the recreational leader and program committee of the several local clubs. Mrs. Tom Wells of Pascagoula will read a one-act play, "Thursday Evening," by Christopher Marlowe, for this group.

At 1:30 p. m. the County Council will meet for the purpose of making suggestions to home demonstration clubs for observing "Better Homes Week" for 1936. Mrs. Phil Davis will be in charge of the program. The home demonstration agent will present the Mississippi State Fair lists for the council's consideration in the light of the Jackson County Fair.

was held from late home of deceased, on Thursday morning, March 19, at 10 o'clock, with interment in the cemetery at Orange Grove, Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor of the Methodist church, of which deceased was a member, officiating.

Deceased was born in Orange Grove, coming to Pascagoula when about twelve years of age, where she resided until her death. She was 53 years of age. Her maiden name was Martha Clara Murry. She was married a number of years ago to the late Sidney Wainwright.

Her only survivors are one son, Sidney Boyd Wainwright, and three grandchildren, all living in Pasca-

been acquired from Brook-

A suitable gift will be given the husky first baseman of the Giants to show Sam the home folks recognize his prowess in the big time and to wish him well

It was agreed to extend the time for submission of the one-act plays by students of the city schools until April 3. A report of the dance committee was made and the members asked to help decorate the Community House after the meeting.

Two new members were introduced, Coach Tom R. Wells of the Pascagoula city schools and Edward Coker. Herman Richards and Frank Moore were voted in as new members and the secretary instructed to notify them of their election.

A four minute debate on "Resolved, That Hauptmann Should Be Electrocuted," with Otto Karl Wiesenburg on the affirmative and S. C. Friedrich on the negative resulted in the members declaring Mr. Wiesenburg the winner. The debate was most interesting.

## ROTARIANS ENJOY TALKS BY MEMBERS

### Report of Washington Delegation Bares Many Interesting Facts and Figures.

There were three visiting Rotarians at the luncheon of the club Wednesday in the Community House, President Jesse W. Thompson and W. B. Herring of the Moss Point club and Dr. A. F. Copelind of Cleveland, who is a guest of Dr. S. B. McIlwain and family here.

Dr. Lander, announced that the Lucedale club has invited the local club to furnish the program at a meeting there April 14 and local members were invited to attend.

Frank Canty and John Colle were appointed a committee for the "Sam Leslie day," March 27, when the cities of Pascagoula and Moss Point will join in honoring Sam by presenting him with a gift when the Giants and the Atlanta Crackers play in Gulfport on that date.

Dr. Lockard and Jesse Higginbotham had some very entertaining alibis in lieu of a program and that TVA man who is scheduled to come to town.

Then the Washington delegation was called upon and the members heard with great interest the report of the trip to the nation's capital. "Satisfactory progress" was reported on the project sought. W. B. Herring, Hermes F. Gautier and Mayor John R. Watts were in Washington last week. Hermes Gautier and W. B. Herring told the members many facts and figures relative to modern ship building and of the men they had contacted.

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hospital that if we had
literature we would not
have so many patients in
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### DEATH OF MRS. R. G.

Mrs. Clara Lyons Moody,
Richard G. Moody, died at
home on Washington str
city, at 10:40 a. m. on Frida
13, after an illness of three
The funeral was held on
March 15, Rev. Father
Hunter officiating, with in
in Greenwood cemetery.
bearers were: Alverta
and William Singletary o
port, Wiley Moody, Claude
Albert Bosarge, and Captain
Torjusen of Pascagoula.

Deceased was over 60 year
and was born and reared
cagoula, living here her en
She was the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyo
was educated in the Scranto
Pascagoula High school

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drains underneath the track. Storm water is carried off in two directions, thus insuring that no water will stand on the track or field for even the shortest length of time after a rain.

There is, beside the cinder track, a fine tennis court, and also three basket ball courts, 48x82 feet in length, so that track events, racing, tennis and basket ball, could all be in progress, if necessary, on the field at one time.

An old building on the grounds has been torn down, and in its place is being erected in one corner of the grounds, a dressing room for the boys. This room will be 16x60 feet in size, and will contain shower baths and lockers and other conveniences for the athletes. The girls already have a similar dressing room on the other side of the field.

In addition to the above, bleachers will be erected to provide seats for those who witness the games.

Superintendent Sylvester is enthusiastic about these improvements, and well he may be. He hopes to have a big athletic meet on the field here this fall, this school being one of the few that can take care of such a gathering.

The Chronicle-Star can add only one suggestion to further improve this school athletic plant, and that is, that it hopes some way may be found to finance the lighting of the field, so that athletic events, especially football, may be had here at night. The attendance at the games could be doubled by having them at night, as witness the big crowds that attended games at Biloxi last fall, and it is believed the lighting system could be paid for in one season by the increased paid admissions to the games.

## MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

A sacred concert will be given in St. John's Episcopal church, Pascagoula, at 7:45 p. m., on Wednesday, May 3, by the choir of the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, where the Rev. Edward A. DeMiller is rector.

The program will consist of Easter Carols hymns, the Te Deum to special Easter setting and several anthems; and there will be also a tenor solo, a soprano solo, and a duet. This choir has a musical reputation and Pascagoula people may look forward to a very enjoyable evening.

Everybody is invited, and there will be a collection towards the funds of the church.

My, My, How Time Does Fly!

Miss Zoe Belle Cox, second and third grades; Miss Catherine Brash, primary grades.

Avenue School—Miss Marie Brash principal and fourth and fifth grades; Miss Odessa Bruce, second and third grades; Miss Olga Delcomyn, primary and first grades.

Negro School—Dixie Durden, fourth and fifth grades; Naomi Durden, second and third grades; Mamie Jackson, primary. The position of principal and sixth and seventh grade teacher to be filled.

With the exception of the music teacher, all the above are re-elections.

# SAM LESLIE TO TAKE TERRY'S PLACE AT FIRST

**Manager of Giants, Suffers Broken Arm. Sam Takes His Place as First Baseman.**

Sam Leslie of Moss Point and Pascagoula, will be the first baseman of the New York Giants for the next several weeks, according to an item sent out by the Associated Press on Monday. Bill Terry, manager and first baseman of the Giants, was hit by a pitched ball at the hands of Joe Shaute, of the Brooklyn team, and knocked down. His teammates rushed to pick him up and found that his arm was broken at the elbow. His place at first base on the team will be taken by Sam Leslie, and the home folks in Jackson county will watch Sam's performance with keen interest.

# *Coast Guard Man Turns Idle Hours To Study of Law*

**Otto Karl H. Weisenburg Makes High Grade Before Mississippi Bar Association.**

The hours spent on watch in the radio room of the Coast Guard Patrol Boat Corwin during regular patrols on the broad gulf were turned into profit by Otto Karl H. Weisenburg who has received notice from the State Board of Bar Examiners that he has successfully passed the examination for admission to practice law in Mississippi.

Mr. Weisenburg took the examination several weeks ago in Jackson, and made exceptionally high grades. His

Control ... ceptable State Laws.

Joining in the movement about reform in the national tion laws and to work to Women's Organization for Prohibition Reform, of wh Kate Denny of Pascagoula chairman.

Miss Denny's appointment last Saturday by Miss Bibek of Jackson, who visited Pasc discuss the organization's w local women. Miss O'Leary state membership chairman Mississippi division, believes the organization will number of members in the state.

There are no dues to the tion, Miss Denny explains, w ing asked to indicate their w to join in the movement to 18th amendment and to states to enact laws that w complete and adequate cont sale of liquors. Some of M most prominent women are the work. Mrs. D. H. For Meridian, former presiden Mississippi Federation of Clubs, was temporary state and Mrs. Ed Franklin of Ja is permanent chairman. Mr H. Sabin of New York head tional organization.

The organization has three steps as its immediate ob Denny, told newspapermen: peal the 18th amendment a national prohibition; secon the liquor traffic by a syste regulation suitable and acc the people of the state; thir children to temperance in the school and the church.

Miss Denny will be glad fully explain the purpose movement to any who will her.

## LEONARD-WITCHE

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Witche announce the marriage of th ter, Ella Louise Witchen, to Leonard of Tampa, Florida nesday, March the first, by Barnes of Ocean Springs. M is connected with the U Guard The young folks a their home with Mrs. Leon ents on Telephone Road.

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# LESLIE TO PLAY IN GAME SUNDAY

**W. O. W. Meets Strong Bon Air Team of Mobile. Leslie to Play at First.**

Sam Leslie, first baseman, of the New York Giants, will be the attraction extraordinary at the W. O. W. baseball park Sunday afternoon when the Bon Air nine of Mobile engage the locals for the second time this season. The game is expected to draw the largest crowd of the year.

On last Sunday when the strong Paper Mill team defeated manager Boots Clark's men, a crowd estimated at 1,500 turned out. A "field meet" before the start of the game added to the pleasure of the evening. Prizes were given the winners by local merchants and business men.

Although Tom Clark struck out thirteen men to eleven struck out by O. Fulton of the Paper Mill, he was reached in the sixth inning for three hits and two runs that put the Paper Makers two runs in the lead. They added another run in the ninth.

Two home runs were hit, the first by Spruell for the Paper Makers and the second by Leo Webb for the W. O. W. A feature of the game was the batteries, who were composed of two sets of brothers, the Fulton boys for the Paper Mill and the Clark boys for the W. O. W.

The game Sunday will find the W. O. W. boys in fighting shape, as they are anxious to erase the defeat of last Sunday by winning this coming Sunday. Sam Leslie will show the locals how a big league first baseman performs.

The list of awards made the players last Sunday for various accomplishments follow:

Brumfield's, one Cheney necktie for base running in shortest time, Percy Larsen.

Max Wilson, one pair silk socks for farthest throw, Leo Webb.

Head's Hardware Store, one pocket knife for one who throws most balls in barrel, four throws allowance, R. Delmas.

Palace Pharmacy, one fountain pen for most strike outs, Tom Clark.

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# GIANT PLAYERS TOO MUCH FOR W. O. W. TEAM

**Sam Leslie and Bill Terry Furnish Thrills To Huge Crowd Thursday in Benefit Game.**

Sam Leslie's Moss Point All Stars collected seven hits and seven runs from the Pascagoula W. O. W. team in a special benefit game Thursday afternoon at the Polo Grounds, Moss Point, to win 7 to 0.

In the Moss Point line-up were two National League players, Bill Terry, star first baseman of the New York Giants, and Sam Leslie, a native of Moss Point and first baseman and pinch hitter of the Giants. Leslie played first base Thursday, and Terry did the pitching for Moss Point, allowing but three hits.

The paper mill band turned out and enlivened the occasion. Before the game, Terry gave an exhibition of fielding and ball playing that was flawless, and that impressed the spectators. Sam Leslie got a three base hit and scored twice for Moss Point. Cronier knocked out a two bagger, and Terry netted a single. Terry struck out eight men, Tom Clark three and O'Brien two. Pelham and Valverde were the umpires.

Line-up:

| W. O. W.— | AB | R | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murray, 2b. | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Linton, 1b. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Webb, lf. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Larsen, 3b. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelson, cf. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Richards, ss. | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| O'Brien, rf.p. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Clark, c. | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| T. Clark, p. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 24 | 0 | 3 |

| Sam Leslie's All Stars— | AB | R | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lowe, lf. | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Cronier, cf. | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| C. Fulton, 3b. | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Leslie, 1b. | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Spruell, ss. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Wells, 2b. | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Terry, p. | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| H. E. Delmas, rf. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Broome, c. | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Dantzler, rf. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 28 | 7 | 7 |

# LESLIE TRIPLES AS W.O.W.'S WIN

**Tom Clark To Pitch Sunday Against Strong All Stars of Mobile.**

Tom Clark, Buck Powell's ace of the W. O. W. baseball pitching staff, blanked the fast McGill Lumber Co.'s club of Mobile by the score of 5 to 0 on last Sunday.

Tom gave up three hits and struck out twelve men. Sam Leslie, fast first sacker of the Giants of New York, played a wonderful game of ball for the W. O. W. nine.

The score was nothing to nothing up to the fifth inning, when Webb singled. Larson grounded to Firth at short who fumbled the ball. Larsen and Webb went safe. Leslie tripled to center and cleared the bases and scored in Nelson's infield out.

Willie Moncrief, fast snappy rookie outfielder for the W. O. W. nine, played a great outfield in his debut of the season in the lineup. He made a nice running catch of Scott's line drive in right centerfield and got a great hand from the crowd. Percy Larsen, fast third baseman of the W. O. W. played a nice game. He knocked down two hits and thew to Leslie at first for some close fast outs.

Cole Nelson played a good game of ball in the outfield. He staged fly balls down, that would have gone for hits.

"Pepper Clark" caught a fine game of ball, beat out an infield hit and stole second and also drove out a clean single to right center scoring Murray and Webb. He went to second on the throw to the plate.

The W. O. W. will play the fast Mobile All-Star nine at the home diamond Sunday. The game will be called at 3:30 p. m.

Batteries for Sunday's game with All-Stars.—W. O. W., Clark and Clark; All-Stars, Lyter and Ketchum.

Score by innings:

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| Mobile | 000 000 000—0 |
| W. O. W. | 000 021 20x—5 |

| McGill Lbr. Co. | AB | R | H | PO | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kountz, 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Firth, ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Windham, cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilson, rf. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cody, lf. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Brandus, 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Pierce, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Scott, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Locke, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 31 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 11 | 1 |

| W. O. W. | AB | R | H | PO | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Murray, 2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Webb, lf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Larsen, 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Leslie, 1b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Linton, 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelson, cf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Moncrief, cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Clark, c | 3 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Richard, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Delmas, rf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tillman, rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T. Clark, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 5 | 12 | 27 | 15 | 2 |

Summary: Runs batted in, Clark 2, Nelson 1, Leslie 2; two base hits, Webb, Murray, Tillman; three base hits, Leslie; stolen bases, Clark 2, Murray, Webb, Scott, Nelson; base on balls, Locke 3, Clark 1; struck out by Clark 12, Locke 6. Umpires, Bosarge, Richard.

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## BIG LEAGUE BALL PLAYERS FISHING AT PASCAGOULA

Bill Terry, first baseman of the New York Giants, and Sam Leslie, Bill's understudy in the same team, have been enjoying themselves this week in the waters around Pascagoula, fishing, and eating fresh fish right out of the water. Accompanying the ball players on their vacation are Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Leslie, and their friend, Mrs. Midlecoff of Memphis, which place is also the home of the Terrys.

Piloted by Lee Beckham and Jodie Bosarge the party made one trip to Horn Island, and one of the ladies caught 32 fish, the others doing nearly as well. They had the pleasure of taking the fish right out of the water, cooking them right there on the boat, and enjoying a delicious meal. Another day the party went up the Pascagoula river to try their luck with fresh water fish. Whether they caught any of the latter we do not know, but it is known that the visitors are having a fine time and are receiving a hearty welcome in Pascagoula.

While in the city the visitors are the guests of Mrs. Delmas, Bosarge, mother of Mrs. Sam Leslie.

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—The Mississippi Press Wednesday, April 16, 1969

# Sam Leslie Newest Member Of Hall Of Fame

By KEN ERNEST

ıscagoula's Sam (Sambo) ie, who broke into profes- ıl baseball 40 years with the Brooklyn Dodgers, follows the majors and gets weekly requests for graphs.

slie, who played from 1929 38 with the Giants and New Giants, will be inducted lay night into the Missis- Sports Hall of Fame. He be one of 34 who have re- d this honor.

r the younger generation, ıame Sam Leslie may not ı much when they think of names as Mickey Mantle, Williams, Willie Mays, and many others who have more recent fame as big ıe players. But in the 30's e was in action against individuals as Babe Ruth, O'Doul, Dizzy Dean, Bill y, Freddie Lindstrom, Hack ın, Carl Hubbell and many top baseball stars of the s.

It was not an easy job to break into baseball even in the 30's but in a three - year period prior to this first appearance with the New York Giants in 1929 Sam had his share of traveling.

It began in McComb, Miss., where he signed a contract to play with Nashville, Tenn., back in 1926. Flood waters hit Tennessee during this time so Sam ended up being sent back to play ball in Jackson, Miss.

From there a trade sent him to Meridian. He was in turn sold to Memphis, Tenn., and by this time Sam must have decided he was like the bouncing rubber ball.

This was not the end of the bounce, however as Memphis farmed Sam to Selma, Ala. After six weeks in Selma it was back to Memphis and finally Sam got a break. That's right, all the way to Toledo, N.Y., and another break, back down to southwest and into San Antonio. These were not really breaks but merely a stepping stone to the big leagues and the really big break did come in 1929 when Sam was signed by the New York Giants.

For four years, Sam manned first base for the Giants in the old Polo Grounds in New York. During this time he served under managers John McGraw and Billy Terry and later during a four - year stint with the Brooklyn Dodgers Casey Stengel was at the helm to help Sam's professional career along.

The Giants traded Sam to Brooklyn in 1933 in a swap for O'Doul and Watson Clark but he later returned to New York in 1936 when he reached his peak. He played in 822 major league games and compiled a lifetime batting average of .304.

Reminiscing about his days in the majors, Sam recalls this experience:

"When Dizzy Dean was playing with the St. Louis Cardinals we used to have sort of a standing thing going," Sam recalls. "Diz would say, I'll throw it as hard as I can Sam and you see how far you can hit it. Well, one day I hit it right at Diz, a screeching liner that hit him right in the middle of the posterior region. Diz was sore for a week after that one but wouldn't you know he picked the ball up and threw me out at first."

Recalling some of the fans attitudes Sam told about some of the antics of the fans in Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn who went so far as to pitch firecrackers onto the field, shine mirrors in the eyes and cut up little pieces of paper and let them scatter all over the field. "Sometimes we jumped three feet or had to wipe the paper out of our eyes, but we'd just sort of grin and bear it."

Probably one of the most remembered gestures on the part of an opposing player comes to Sam's mind as he remembered having to be hospitalized in 1935 in St. Louis for an operation.

"I don't now how he heard about it, and we really weren't much more them opponents on the baseball field but do you know that for every single day I was in the hospital Leo Durocher, his wife or his daughter visited me and sent fruit or brought candy. "This token of kindness came from a man who is generally known in baseball circles as a fiery type individual.

Strangely enough, another sports great who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame, Clyde "Heifer" Stuart, actually played ball for Sam at Mississippi State many years ago.

Today Sam and his wife Etta live right here in Pascagoula on River Road and try to keep track of some 11 grandchildren.

Sam was born right here in Pascagoula on July 26, 1905, and can be considered a life-long resident despite the years he was away pursuing his highly successful baseball career. Since 1941 he has been hard at work at Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp. and is currently serving as an assistant foreman.

Despite the many years he has been away from major league baseball Sam today still averages six requests a week from people all over the country requesting autographs and hunting stories concerning his career. "I even have gotten some from as far away as Hawaii," quipped Sam.

As usual in cases of this sort, Sam felt that there were others more deserving of the honor which will be bestowed on Monday night. But certainly 10 years as a top major leaguer with teams like Brooklyn and New York has served to bring not only great credit on himself but is another great contribution to the great Mississippi sporting scene.

Local area sports fans could accord Sam further honors being in attendence in Jack on Monday night for his night. Tickets sell for $6 e and can be ordered by n from: Dick Hitt, P.O. Box 45 Jackson, Miss., 39216.

SAM LESLIE
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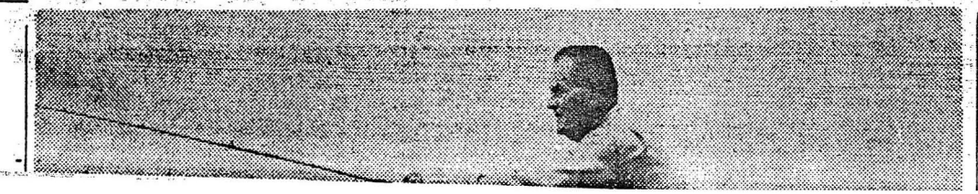

November 8, 2000

To whom it may concern:

This is a request for information on Samuel Andrew "Slugging Sam" Leslie, who died in your city on January 21, 1979 at the age of 73. He was a major-league baseball player for the Giants and Dodgers from 1929-1938, hitting .304 in 822 games and appearing in two World Series (both as a Giant). A first baseman by trade, his best season was in 1934, when he hit .332 and drove in 102 runs for Brooklyn; he also still holds the Giants' franchise record for most pinch-hits in a year (22 in 1932). Not a big star but certainly not insignificant; any reasonable photocopying charges will gladly be paid for whatever you may have. Thank you for your efforts, and I look forward to your reply.

Signed,
Jack Lloyd Packard.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

# FACES OF THE COAST

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## Julie Leslie

Julie Leslie, 36, a life-long resident of Pascagoula, has been part of the Singing River Industries Supportive Employment Program for 13 years and has worked at Wendy's in Pascagoula for three years. She enjoys cleaning the busy restaurant and making friends with her fellow employees. If she could do any job in the world, Leslie would become a country music singer. She enjoys dancing and singing along with her favorite country western artist Travis Tritt. Every year she throws horseshoes during the Special Olympics, and is a member of the Pin Pals Bowling League. She lives with her mother and father, and she has two brothers and a sister.

# Couple celebrates 50 years together

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Leslie of Escatawpa were honored Nov. 11, 1990, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the Escatawpa United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The couple was married Nov. 9, 1940, in Lucedale before the Rev. G.S. Jenkins of the Lucedale Methodist Church when Mr. Leslie took as his bride the former Lorrie Lemaitre of Escatawpa. The couple renewed their wedding vows with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating.

Hosting the 50th anniversary fete were the couple's children: Doris and Gil Leslie, Gloira Cooper and Nancy and Robert Schaefer, all of Escatawpa; and their grandchildren — Brian, Selena and Patrick Crews, Bert and Karen Schaefer.

For her anniversary, Mrs. Leslie chose a two-piece mauve silk dress accented with a corsage of gold roses and baby's breath with gold ribbon. Mr. Leslie wore a black suit with a gold rose boutonniere.

Juanita Couch of Escatawpa directed the affair.

Tables were decorated with gold tablecloths overlaid with lace and accented with gold wedding bells and ribbons. A bouquet of roses was displayed as a centerpiece, and ferns were placed throughout the hall. Remembrance scrolls were presented to each guest.

Focal point of the refreshments was a three-tiered cake decorated with white roses, gold wedding bells and leaves, and topped with a bride and bridegroom standing before a gold 50th anniversary arch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Leslie

Faye Lemaitre and Selena Crews served the cake with Ann Lemaitre serving punch and Wendy Bailey assisting with coffee. Karen Schaefer registered guests with the assistance of Flora Lemaitre, mother of Mrs. Leslie whose 92nd birthday was the same day. Also assisting was Fannie Mae McMillian.

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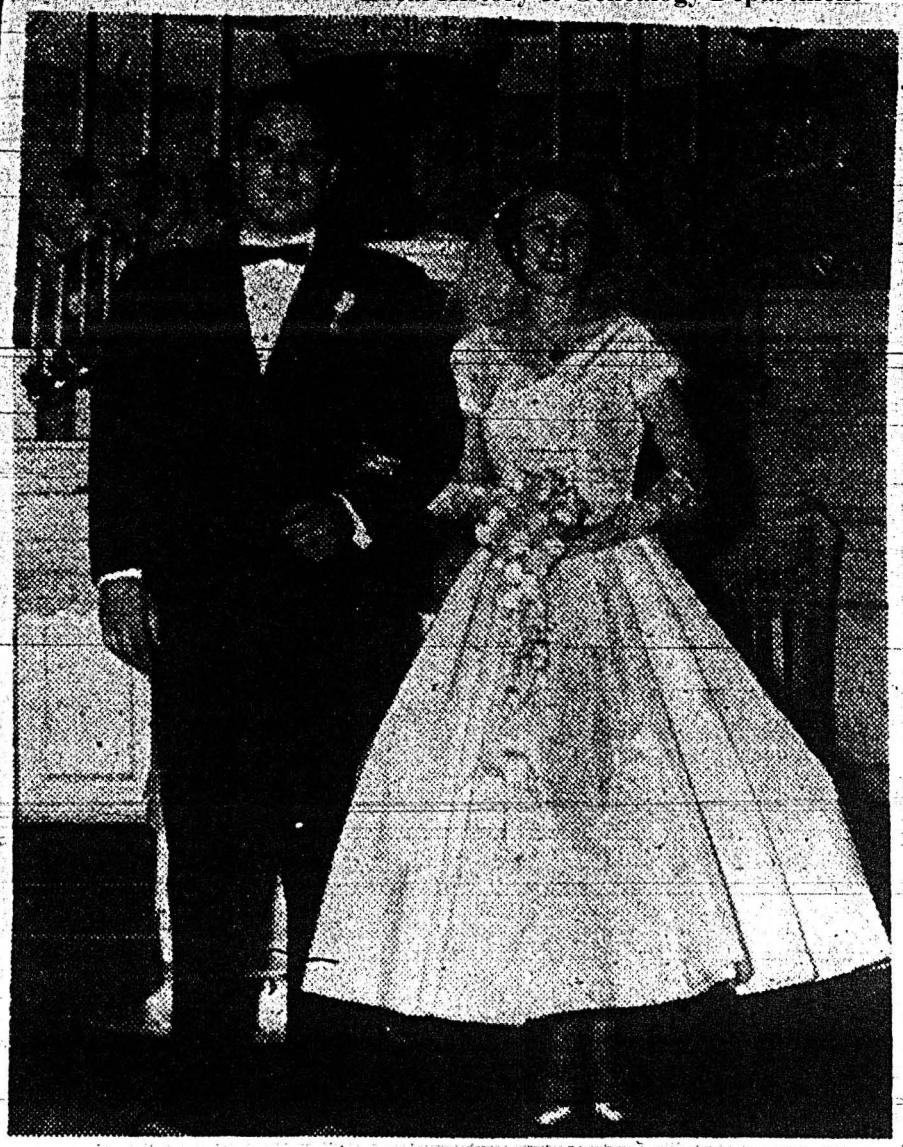

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL A. LESLIE, JR.

# June Elizabeth Flowers, Mr. Leslie Are Wed At St. Alphonsus In McComb

The marriage of Miss June Elizabeth Flowers of Moss Point, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott E. Flowers of McComb, and Samuel Andrew Leslie, Jr., son of the Samuel A. Leslies of Pascagoula, was solemnized Mar. 2 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in McComb.

Baskets of white gladioli and chrysanthemums and tall candelabra holding lighted tapers adorned the altar, The Rev. John McNamara officiated at the ceremony.

**A program of music was played prior to the ceremony by Mrs. George Hamilton of McComb, who accompanied James Bickham, soloist.**

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a waltz-length dress of miro-mist fashioned with a circular skirt. The fitted bodice featured a v-shaped neckline finished with scallops of lace.

Lace embroidered with pearls and rhinestones was appliqued to the bodice and at the waistline.

She wore a veil of tulle attached to a lace bandeaux edged with pearls and carried a nosegay of white roses and satin streamers atop a white Bible.

Her attendants were Miss Rita Fay Smith of Pascagoula, maid of honor, and Miss Elsie Thompson of McComb, bridesmaid. They wore ballerina length dresses of pink crystalette with V-shaped necklines and cummerbunds of taffeta. They carried bouquets of pink roses.

**Carl Leslie of Pascagoula, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman was Joe Perek. Ernie Larsen and Gary Smith served as ushers.**

Following the ceremony the home of the bride's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkinson was setting for a reception. Pink camellias were used in floral decoration throughout the reception rooms.

Greeting the guests were Mesdames Wilkinson and W. R. Wardlaw, aunts of the bride. Assistin¼ in receiving was the bride's grand mother Mrs. M. M. Flowers of McComb.

The bride's table centered with a linen and lace cloth was centered with an arrangement of pink camellias and held a tiered cake topped with miniature wedding bells. Crystal candelabra holding pink tapers completed the appointments with the crystal punch bowl.

**Assisting at the reception and serving as tea girls were Mrs. E. C. Smith and Miss Sharon Stagg, both of Pascagoula, Mesdames Ralph Felder, Jr., James Lamb, and Maurice Edmonds, all of McComb, Misses Frances Craft and Wrennell Kimmel of McComb and Mrs. W. M. Wilkinson of New Orleans.**

After a trip to St. Petersburg, the couple is at home on Joe Street in Pascagoula. For travelinf, the bride wore a spring suit of beige-colored wool with brown accessories and a tangerine-colored hat.

Among Pascagoulans attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Joe Perek, Mary Ann, Ernie Larsen, Beverly Larsen, Marie Etta Bosarge, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stagg and Mrs. Thelma Restucher of Moss Point.

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**LESLIE**

**Carl D. Leslie, Sr.**, 57, a draftsman, of Hwy. 90, died of cardiopulmonary arrest, Friday, July 10, 1998 at the University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala. Mr. Leslie was a native of Pascagoula, Miss., and a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gautier. He worked as a draftsman in ship design and was formerly associated with Ingalls Shipbuilding. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing. Mr. Leslie is preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Lou Perek.

Survivors include his daughters, Michelle Pierpont, Gautier, Miss., Kim Harris, Palm Beach, Fla. and Stephanie La Gabed, Pascagoula; sons, Carl Leslie, Jr., Pascagoula and David Leslie, Mobile; brother, Samuel Leslie, Pascagoula; devoted nephews Michael and Tony Perek, and other nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Scott, Brandon, and Melanie Pierpont, Krissie and Brandon Harris, Joshua, Justin, and Tiffany La Gabed, and Christian Leslie.

A memorial mass will be held in honor of Mr. Leslie at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gautier, with Father Patrick E. Hayes as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Mark E. Seepe Funeral Directors, Jackson, Miss.

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**LESLIE**

**Samuel Andrew "Sam" Leslie Sr.**, 73, 5602 River Road, Pascagoula, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 1979, at Singing River Hospital after a lengthy illness. Mr. Leslie was born July 26, 1905, in Moss Point and was a retired hull foreman with Ingalls Shipbuilding. He was a member of Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church.

Mr. Leslie was a former major league baseball player with the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers. While playing with the New York Giants, Mr. Leslie set the pinch hitting record which he held for 35 years. He retired in 1939 after seven years in the major leagues. Mr. Leslie was also a member of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Leslie was preceded in death by his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lou Perek, on May 15, 1974, and by his sister, Mrs. Thelma Restucher, in Dec. 1978.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Etta Bosarge Leslie, Pascagoula; two sons, Samuel "Sammy" Leslie Jr., and Carl D. Leslie, both of Pascagoula; one brother, Cecil G. Leslie, Escatawpa; one sister, Mrs. Alpha Leslie Bryant, Mooringsport, La.; 13 grandchildren; and other relatives.

Visitation will be tonight, Jan. 22, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Prayer services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 23, from the funeral home chapel at 10 a.m. followed by Mass at Our Lady of Victories at 10:30 a.m. Father A. McInerney will officiate.

Interment will be in Jackson County Memorial Park.

Arrangements by O'Bryant - O'Keefe Funeral Home.

**STYRON**

**Mrs. Mary Eva Sumrall Mobley Styron**, 59, 4603 Old Mobile Highway, Pascagoula, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 1979, at Singing River Hospital. Mrs. Styron was born Dec. 25, 1919, in Sumrall, Charles Edward Mobley, Escatawpa, Ronald Wayne Mobley, Pascagoula, and Stephen Joseph Mobley, New Orleans; one daughter, Miss Beverly Sue Mobley, Pascagoula; four sisters, Mrs. Jewel Polk, Prentiss, Mrs. Verdie Evans, Jackson, Mrs. Joyce Hudson, Sumrall, and Mrs. Hilton Lee, Lumberton; four brothers, Henry Sumrall, Mobile, Leo Sumrall, Edward Sumrall and Elmo Sumrall, all of Sumrall; and other relatives.

Visitation will be tonight, Jan. 22, at O'Bryant - O'Keefe Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 1:30 p.m. from the funeral home chapel.

Interment will be in Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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**HUDSON**

**Eugene Robert Hudson**, 80, 1015 Live Oak Ave., Pascagoula, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 1979, at Singing River Hospital. Mr. Hudson, was born June 3, 1898, and was a native and lifelong resident of Pascagoula. He was a retired painter and wall paper hanger and was a member of Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church.

Survivors are his sister, Mrs. Alma Schmitt, Mobile; and other relatives.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Prayer services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24, from the funeral home chapel at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Father A. McInerney will officiate.

Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home.

**STRINGER**

**Melvin Seward Stringer**, 74, 3019 Woodlawn Ave., Moss Point, died today, Jan. 22, 1979, at Singing River Hospital. Mr. Stringer was born June 30, 1904, in Citronelle, Ala. He was a retired field engineer with Ingalls Shipbuilding and a member of the Wesley Independent Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Camille Ladner Stringer, Moss Point; one daughter, Mrs. Rose Marie McCabe, Huntsville, Ala.; his mother, Mrs. Jessie Stringer, Semmes, Ala.; one brother, Joseph Stringer, Semmes, Ala.; five grandchildren; and other relatives.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 1:30 p.m. from the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Willard Rice officiating.

discounting for a 7 percent inflation rate.

Spending would be $12.6 billion lower than if federal programs had continued to grow at the same levels as before, the administration said.

The budget includes a previously allocated $6.9 billion for the revenue-sharing program for state and local governments, but it said no decision has been made about continuing the program after 1980. Any attempt to dismantle revenue sharing would be certain to invite new conflict with mayors and local government executives already unhappy with Carter.

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal said the administration "has not yet made a decision on whether and in what way it will be carried forward," although he added that revenue sharing probably will be continued "in some way."

The budget holds out the possibility of a new round of tax reductions in 1981 — possibly including a rollback in Social Security taxes. Blumenthal told reporters it would be "very risky" to enact a new tax cut any sooner because that could worsen inflation.

Revenues for 1980, including tax receipts, are estimated at $502.6 billion, up from $456 billion in 1979.

As expected, the biggest increase in the 1980 budget is for defense, with outlays rising $10.8 billion to $122.7 billion, an increase of more than 3 percent even after discounting the effects of inflation.

Among the sharpest cuts are 160,000 public service jobs for a savings of $535 million. Some trimming of Social Security programs is proposed to reduce outlays by $600 million initially and Congress might not approve.

## Point house damaged

A fire caused by a short circuit extensively damaged a Moss Point residence Thursday.

The Moss Point Fire Department reports the 10:21 a.m. blaze at 4402 Gene St. started in the utility room. Jane Lawrence was listed as the owner.

Damage was estimated at $8,000 to the house and $3,000 to the contents.

Capt. Earl Brewer directed units from Central, Pine Island and Kreole stations which responded to the alarm.

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**FRANK E. LESLIE**

Funeral services of Frank E. Leslies, who died Thursday took place from the family residence, 407 Michigan avenue, Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock and from the St. Johns Episcopal church at 10:00 o'clock with the Rev. Gardner C. Tucker officiating. The pallbearers were: active, Richard Christian, Armstead Christian, Le Baron Daly, Hugh Ralston, W. W. Croom, and Paul Tate. Honorary, F. C. Turner, George Creary, S. L. Prolsdorfer, Steward Cobb, Earl Matzenger, A. M. Thompson, Reese Murphy, Patrick Byrne. The interment was in the Magnolia cemetery with Roche Mortuary in charge.